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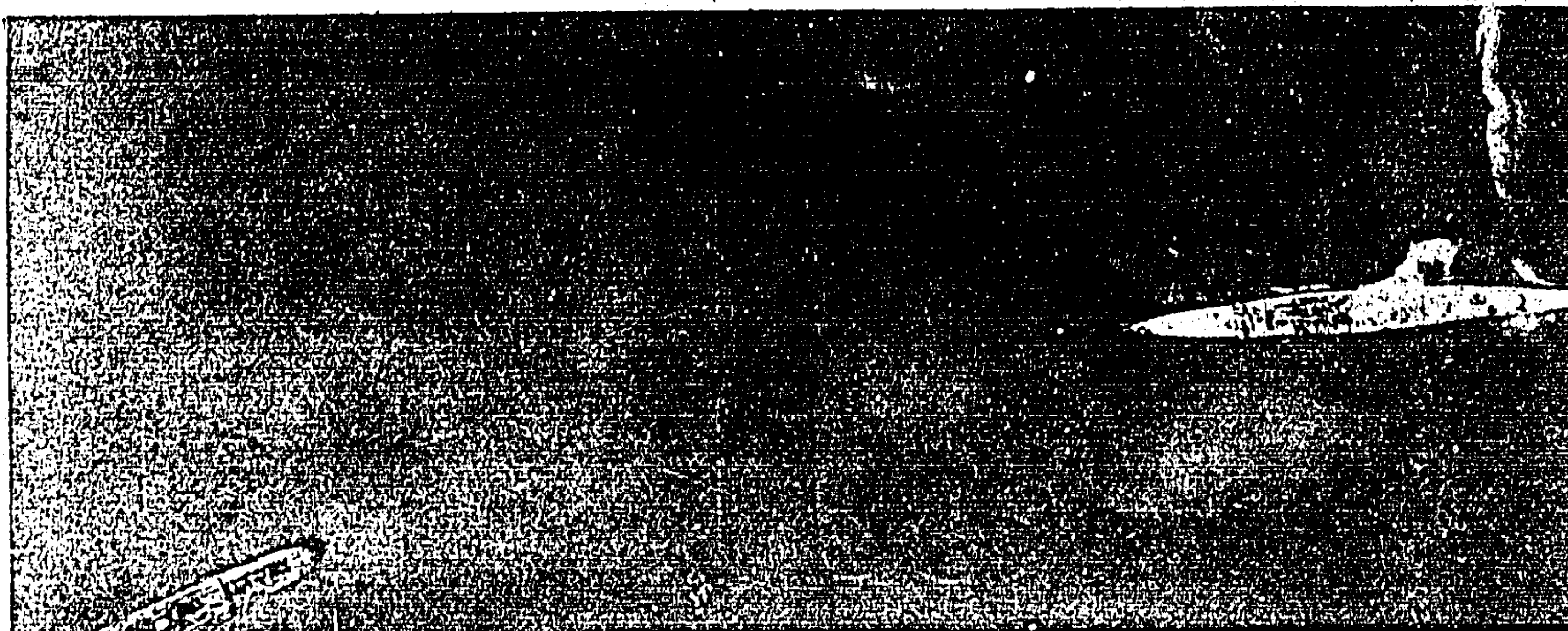
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WHITEAWAY'S

R.A.F. RAIDS ON NORWAY



Jitters Among The Neutrals

AMERICANS TOLD "WISE TO LEAVE HUNGARY NOW"

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The United States Legation at Budapest to-day advised all American citizens residing in Hungary that it would be wise to return to the United States while facilities are still available, according to a Budapest telegram.

R.A.F. BEAT OFF RAIDS

From Shotlands To South-East Coast

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Planes believed to be German were reported off the south-east coast to-night.

Heavy gun-fire was heard and great flashes were seen just above the water, as if bombs were exploding.

East Coast Raid

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Aircraft believed to be German were reported off the east coast to-night.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action and pursuit planes went up.

Planes Over Shotlands
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Two aeroplanes, believed to be enemy machines, were seen flying high over the Shotland area this afternoon.

A.A. batteries opened fire and British fighters went up. The planes were driven off.

No bombs were dropped and no air-raid warning was sounded.

Nazi Claim

BERLIN, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An official news agency claims that nine British and two French planes were shot down on Sunday. It is also claimed that two British bombers were shot down during the raid on Stavanger and four more in the raid on Aalborg.

Heavy Toll Of Transports

British Submarine Sinks 3,000 Tons

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—H.M. submarine Sea Lion has returned for a rest.

She has sunk 3,000 tons of German transports in Norwegian waters.

Norwegian Ship Sunk
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Norwegian steamer, Bravore, 1,458 tons, was sunk after an explosion off the south-east coast of England to-day.

Twenty of the crew of 24 are feared to have lost their lives. The four survivors were landed at a south-east coast port.

Dutch Ship A Victim
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Dutch steamer, Bernise, 951 tons, homeward bound with a cargo of iron sank off the Norwegian coast.

The crew, numbering 18, were saved.

R.A.F. photograph taken near Christiansand, in Norway. It shows a German merchant vessel with the hatches open and a cruiser of the Kohn class. This, the R.A.F. believes, may be the cruiser which was sunk later.

Note the staggered after part and the single turret forward with triple guns—an outstanding feature of this class of warship. The swastika emblem is clearly visible. British Official Photograph, Crown Copyright Reserved.

AMERICAN KILLED IN NAZI RAID

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Reuter).—The State Department has been informed that Captain Losey, Assistant United States Military Attaché in Stockholm, was killed when the Germans raided bombards in Norway from the air on Sunday.

Captain Losey is the first American killed on land since the beginning of the war. He was assisting to remove Americans from the war zone.

DEARTH OF NEWS

London Papers And War In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The dearth of official news from Norway gives little scope to the British press for comment to-day.

Most of the leading articles abstain from discussing the main topic.

Russia, Italy, the "Fifth Column" and Imperialism are discussed but not Norway.

"The Times" sums up the difficulties about getting a complete picture of what is happening in Norway in a leader entitled "Waiting for News."

Waiting For News

Waiting for vital news, says this paper, is not easy. Waiting is always necessary until the issue is decided or the situation clarified until information can be put out without profiting the enemy.

In Norway it is not possible to withhold news to the extent which may be desirable. Reports get across the frontier into neutral Sweden.

But "The Times" warns that much of the reports from Sweden have not been altogether reliable in the past and it would be unwise to place complete confidence in what is coming through now.

"We may think we have enough material for putting together the general outline but it is possible that important gaps are not filled or the importance of some of the details supplied may exceed reality," says the paper.

"If the people are eagerly waiting for news," concludes "The Times," "they are doing so in a spirit of calm."

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JAPANESE AIR RAIDS RESUME

Several Szechuan Cities Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (UP).—Fifty-four Japanese bombers raided districts in Szechuan this evening when Chungking was held in dark suspense for five and a quarter hours until 11 p.m.

The cities raided included Chengtu and Kiang 50 miles southwest of Chungking.

A baby girl was born in the Chinese Foreign Office dugout during the air raid warning.

A doctor happened to be in the dugout. Mother and child are both reported to be doing well.

A German engineer, H. M. Nielson, aged 71, died from heart failure at noon yesterday when he was sheltering in a dugout. He had been a resident of Chungking for the past 17 years.

Cities included in last night's air raids were Suifu, Luchoo and Paisha all on the Upper Yangtze.

NAZI AIR TERROR DESCRIBED

Norwegians Fleeing Devastated Towns

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The following message comes from Reuter's special correspondent on the Norwegian-Swedish frontier.

I returned here in the early hours of the morning after a 100 mile drive into the Norwegian war zone. I came back with two vivid impressions—the formidable nature of the German aerial attacks and the terror on the faces of the villagers fleeing from bombed villages.

After a drive across a rough track over the wild mountain height of Bradfjell, I drove into the little town of Grong (north of Namsos) to find everything in utter confusion.

Terrified villagers carrying bundles of clothes were fleeing in desperate panic.

"The Germans have bombed us. We are leaving the town," said a young Norwegian. "There have been many English soldiers down here. They are now fighting the Germans down south," he added.

I called at the local Norwegian military headquarters and found them working by candle light in an improvised air raid shelter in a cellar.

Namsos in Flames
A Norwegian officer told me that Namsos was in flames and very badly damaged.

He said that the British troops had already captured Steinkjær and a battle was in progress south of that town.

French, Norwegian and English troops, he added, were now in complete control of the railways and communications south of Grong and on both sides of Lake Snass (south of Namsos).

"There are many British troops and their number is increasing daily," he said.

Walking later through the deserted streets of Grong, I met a Norwegian soldier who, on being asked if there

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HERR GOERING'S THREAT

NAZI ATTEMPTS TO CUT LINES OF
COMMUNICATION BY PARACHUTE TROOPS

British only 30 miles from Trondheim

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (Reuter).—According to newspaper reports, British troops have reached the strategic railway junction of Støren, which is 30 miles south of Trondheim. They arrived in trains.

It is also reported that fighting occurred at Vaerdalsøra, which is north-east of Trondheim.

The Germans have repeatedly bombed the roads and railways linking Namsos and Trondheim, but reports indicate the railway has suffered little damage though the telephone lines have been broken.

The papers report that the Norwegian forces are concentrating round the town of Steinkjær, north-east of Trondheim, which is burning as a result of heavy aerial bombardment.

The British air attacks on two aerodromes in the Trondheim area are making it more difficult for the Germans to organise their air attacks.

While the Germans claim to be at Lillehammer, which is between Hamar and Domboas, a British advance guard of 75 have arrived there and have been followed by more from Andalsnes, on the coast.

According to other reports the railway from Andalsnes to Domboas and thence through the valley of Gubrandsdal, which is one of the most strategic valleys, is entirely in Allied hands.

All the railway tracks and roads are strongly guarded and the German attempts to cut the lines by parachute troops have failed.

Allies in Hamar?

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Allied forces in eastern Norway are believed to be fighting at Hamar and Elverum against German detachments from Oslo.

Reports persist that the British, French and Norwegian troops have re-captured both Hamar and Elverum. However, these reports should be treated with reserve.

Other reports, which seem to be more reliable, state that the Allied troops have reached Hamar by railway from Andalsnes.

Partial confirmation of this may be the fact that Andalsnes has been bombed.

Four large Nazi bombers were reported to have been shot down during an attack on one station on the railway line from Andalsnes to the east.

The Norwegians have rounded up 50 German parachutists.

The Nazis captured a farm but the Norwegians, using hand grenades and machine-guns, forced the Germans to surrender with the loss of 25 lives.

Apart from automatics, the Germans had with them folding bicycles, radio sets and even gas welding apparatus.

Nazi Communique

BERLIN, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An official news agency commentary on the High Command communique mentions violent Norwegian resistance to the north of Oslo, but says that the resistance was fruitless and was "broken with bloody losses for the enemy."

It claims that the fortified positions.

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R.A.F. RAIDS ON GERMAN BASES

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—It is understood that in the course of last night's air raid on Aalborg numerous hits were made on the landing ground with high explosives. Six fires, started by incendiary bombs, were left blazing in different parts of the aerodrome.

One pilot, approaching from a height of only 100 feet, found that most of the searchlights could not be depressed to such a low level and he was able to place an accurate salvo of bombs on the road near the control tower.

A powerful force of long-range bombers raided Stavanger aerodrome. One of the raiders dropped ten bombs from a low altitude on a group of about 15 enemy aircraft, of which at least six were destroyed. The others are believed to be badly damaged.

One machine in a low-level attack sowed a line of high explosive bombs across the aerodrome and also started several fires with incendiary bombs.

Another plane machine-gunned a line of enemy aircraft, two of which burst into flames.

Only One Plane Lost
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry has issued a statement that only one plane is missing from the raid on Aalborg and none are missing after the attack on Stavanger.

Curfew In Denmark
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—According to the German-controlled Copenhagen Radio, a curfew was imposed at Aalborg to-day, following two Air Force raids on the airport there.

No civilians, except persons going to or coming from work and doctors and nurses, are allowed in the streets between 9 p.m. and 4.30 a.m.

The Copenhagen announcer gave detailed instructions as to what to do in the course of an air raid and warned listeners outside Aalborg that a state of air raid danger might be declared in other parts of the country.

Nazis Discard Their Mask

Invasion Of Norway No Longer "Protective"

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The last vestiges of German claims that they are protecting Norway are fading from the German Press.

The "Keelische Zeitung" openly attacks King Haakon, saying that he had left no stone unturned to encourage his people to adopt an anti-German attitude.

The paper declares that with the expulsion of the Norwegian Minister from Berlin, the situation has become very seriously aggravated.

RUSSO-JAPANESE CONVERSATIONS

MOSCOW, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, received Mr. Shigenori Tojo, the Japanese Ambassador, on Sunday for the second time within three days.

It is understood that the interview was connected with trade negotiations.

TO THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Second Chapter In
Sir Neville Henderson's
dramatic document of
events that led to war

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LOST 100 PLANES IN 5 DAYS

Heavy Nazi Losses In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Authoritative quarters here calculate that in one period of five days since the Scandinavian war began the Germans have lost 100 planes.

It is understood that the British bombers met with no opposition from German fighter planes during the last raid on Aalborg.

There has been no organised fighter resistance throughout the war in any night raid.

This is thought, in authoritative circles, to indicate that the fighter squadrons cannot trust the Messerschmitts for landing at night or else the fighter pilots are not trained for night flying.

LATEST

U.S. WARSHIPS WATCH R.N.

MANILA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Two United States warships have been dispatched to "keep an eye" on a British warship reported to be operating in Philippine waters, according to the "Manila Bulletin," quoting "reliable sources."

This action has been taken in accordance with neutrally regulations, the paper says.

Local radio programmes have been interrupted during the past three days by naval authorities recalling personnel to ships.

The naval authorities explained the reason for this as "special exercises."

It is learned that last week the Japanese warship requested a coaster to verify its nationality at a point between Manila and Northern Luzon.

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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 17th April. Apr. 24.

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OUTWARD MAILS

Tuesday, April 23

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

At Gouber, the celebrated engineer, and inventor of submarine boats, proposed to the French Minister of Marine to build a half a dozen submarine boats for the purpose of attacking the Dover Straits and to establish a regular service between Calais and Dover. The Minister declined on the ground of the danger of the boats, which, being opposed to the British Government, would be a source of trouble. The Minister, however, refused, but said there would be no objection to a summer balloon service between the countries.

A correspondent in Berlin writes that it is probable there will soon be an open question as to the sanity of the present Emperor. He had indulged in so many fantastic ideas, he committed so many errors of judgment, that people are beginning to tire of his conduct. One of the latest examples of his conduct is a statement that he intended to make a journey to the East, and that he would be accompanied by a large number of his courtiers. This statement was made in a public place, and it was widely reported. It was, however, a mere whim, and it was not taken seriously.

According to the Polish press, famine has already broken out in Austria's great Polish province of Galicia.

A letter from Sir Samuel Baker to "The Times" censures the policy of Great Britain in abandoning the Sudan, and says that we cannot grudge Germany's advance along the Nile. Sir Samuel recommended England to support the Egyptian Government, and to secure the Nile as a means of properly securing her route to India.

25 YEARS AGO

The German artillery at St. Mihiel held the range, devoid of shelter, and the destruction of the wood at which only a few shattered trunks remain. The men lay on their stomachs, and the trenches, protected by their knapsacks, the officers walking over their backs, on the alert for enemy attacks. In the final bombardment, the Germans in one and a half hours poured 20,000 shells on the British, and a total of 30,000 shells with a depth of 400 metres, but not a Frenchman, though the losses were considerable, left his post.

Field Marshal Sir John French in his bulletin says that the German attacks on the 10th No. 60. renewed several times since Monday, have all failed and have ceased for the time being. We hold the entire crest of the hill and so deny its use to the enemy, who attach great importance to it.

German wireless reports state that 20,000 Allied troops have landed at Enos amidst a heavy cannonade from warships and Turkish batteries. Telegrams from Athens state that the Allied warships are bombarding Gallipoli peninsula.

M. Auguste, the Minister of Marine, has returned from a tour in the north of France in the course of which he met Mr. Churchill. In an interview with a correspondent, he said that one of the principal objects of his conversation with Mr. Churchill was to discuss the best means of hastening the forcing of the Dardanelles. There was no occasion for the public to worry over the delay. The desired result would be achieved before long.

"Eye-witness" at the British Headquarters, in the course of some details concerning the fighting on Hill No. 20, near Ypres, says that heavily-charged mines exploded under a German trench, burying 150 men, and immediately rushed into the German line. The attack was so sudden that it hardly encountered resistance.

During the course of operations the enemy bombarded Ypres with 17 inch shells, and exploded 150 mines on the 21st opposite our right in the neighbourhood of Labresse, but failed to damage our trenches.

Thirty eight years ago to-day war was declared between Russia and Turkey. It is easy enough to be wise after the event, and to criticise in the light of subsequent happenings, but why (and the question has been asked many times) did not the politicians of our fathers' day mind their own business and leave Russia to deal with Turkey in her own way?

Once again Sir Edward Grey has endeavoured to lay to rest the suspicions or apprehensions of a certain section of the community as regards the Empire's interests out here in the Far East. According to yesterday's wire, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs gave a jog to the memory of the nervous ones, pointing out what should have been borne in mind from the beginning: that Britain's policy is governed by the terms of the existing treaty between herself and Japan. This treaty ensures the independence and integrity of China and equal opportunities for the commerce and industries of all nations. (The italics are pure.) Sir Edward added that the House might rest assured that the Government would endeavour to the best of its power to secure the open door for British commerce in all parts of China.

10 YEARS AGO

S. S. Braaland. Offers are invited for purchase of the wreck of the above vessel as she lies on the Bombay Reef Paracels. Gilman & Co., Ltd.

Shanghai is apparently determined not to lose its unique distinction of being practically the only big city in the world to-day which does not admit of a presentation to the meetings of its

'erbert 'iggs 'is collum

A TORK ABOUT JOGGRAPHY

In mi larst collum i rote about lery an' its effect on internashunal affirs but i ferget ter menshan joggraphy wich is annuver important ang in the 'ole caboodle.

the cheef ang in joggraphy is the clime wich is cored by the emotion ov the earl rund the sun. this cored nairralisation wich is summing a bloke does wen 'e gets fed ter the tee wiv is own cuntry an' wants ter live in annuver one if 'e finds it more cushy.

frinstance in honkong there is a lot of nairalisation. lots of rushing an' zeeks an' narstys an' lots of uvver fancy religjons all wants ter be british but i 'ave got a idee that wen the litle ole in cum tax bloke gets poin they will orl want ter change back agen.

but torkin about joggraphy, in honkong there is a lot of orstry-lums. orstrylla is a land orf the coast of honkong. the cheef animals there is kangeroos boomerangs an' anizes. the nashunal pastime is "two up".

orstrylla is near the duch east indecs wich i see in ther noospaper is now called the duch gibralter fer ther nashunal pastime.

gibralter is a strait on the west coast of france an' is famous fer its beautiful rock. the british took gibralter an' put a lot of guns an' apes on it. the uvver pepul are proud of 'em becoss they are, the only apes in gibralter.

honkong 'as also been called annuver gibralter wich i link aint bad becoss there is a lot of apes 'ere too. most of the pepul in honkong are chinese wich cum frin china. ther nashunal pastime is cumshaw on the cull of the east wich the mornin post calls tubercloses. they were once civilised and chaved 'arf ther ends an' 'ad pigtails. 'arf ther brain was covered wiv 'arf an' got 'ot an' the uvver 'arf was naked an' got cold. that's why the chinees cant link proper.

china is necks dere to rusher wich is a carnivorous cuntry. lind-berg is the capital of rusher and the nashunal pastime is bersh on mickley fluns.

rusher is necks dere to germany wich is famous fer odour colone an' sodidges. they also tries ter make beer. germany is a industial cuntry becoss the pore pepul 'ave nuthin ter do so they makes a lot of factories.

the cuntry is managed by a privit company called a lter & co. wot goes in fer real estate in a big way.

germany 'as 'avin a war wiv england wich is a litle bit of dirt orf the coast of france. england is famous fer chamberlains an' fox 'untin. the nashunal pastime is yorkshire pudden an' allsops.

france is famous fer its litle bits of orlight. 'e corlume i kin remember 'arf an' wot 'ave ter do a bit of parlyvoaln. 'e tell yer abart that necks time.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: A fair demand for Electric at \$65½ prevented the market being absolutely neglected.

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Municipal Council. For the fourth time, the issue was recently put to ratepayers for decision, and even the very moderate scheme advocated was turned down.

The recent gathering of amateur radio transmitters and the growing attention being paid to the reception of short wave stations are highly encouraging features in the spread of interest in wireless in Hongkong.

The growing interest in short wave reception is reflected in the demand for this type of receiver and the keenness which led to one local enthusiast receiving a description of the signing of the Naval Treaty in London, broadcast through the Cheungshang station. It is to be warmly commended.

5 YEARS AGO

On the 6th May next the British Empire is giving thanks and praise that for 25 years His Majesty King George V has been preserved to bear the sceptre of sovereignty and maintain the unity of the Empire. His Majesty's great interest in the affairs of the Empire is universally recognised and it is known that His Majesty's desire to maintain the peace and prosperity of the Empire is a constant object of his attention. It is therefore, a fitting occasion for the British Empire to give thanks for the preservation of His Majesty's life and the unity of the Empire.

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This refugee has a big plan to smash Siegfried line

CHUNGSHAN INVASION



THIS JAPANESE photograph claims to show some of the war materials captured when the Japanese recently invaded the Chungshan area.—Dancei.

AMERICAN IN BERLIN SAYS: Nazis "On Border Of Malnutrition"

NEW YORK. "GERMANY," says the Berlin correspondent of the New York Times in a special article, "is in no immediate danger of actual starvation, but it is admitted here that present rations border on malnutrition. The nation is woefully short of fat, feeding stuffs and fish."

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Sea Shanties by John Goss (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.
2.15 Close Down.

6.00 A Chronological Programme of English Music from Purcell to Elgar.
7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 English Ballads.
7.23 The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards playing a Wartime March Medley.

Intro: Tipperary; Quand Madelon; Ca c'est Paris; Wish me Luck; The Siegfried Line; Beer Barrel Polka.
7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 B. B. C. Recording—"London."

A somewhat mis-conducted tour of the Capital of the British Empire: Written and produced by H. L. Morrow.

8.30 Latest Wartime Variety.
Fox-Trot—Haw-Haw; Vocal—How Ashamed I Was (Soprano and Holmes); Kiss Me Goodnight, Sergeant Major (Noel and Poles); Fox-Trot—Good-bye Sally, They Can't Black-Out The Moon; The Black-Out Stroll, Party Dance—Knees Up, Mother Brown; Fox-Trots—If A Grey-Haired Lady Says "How's Yer Father?" We'll Meet Again.

9.00 London Relay—Speech by Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty at the luncheon of the Royal Society of St. George, followed by a speech by the Chairman, Lord Clarendon.

9.30 London Relay—News Summary.
9.45 Eric Coates—Four Ways Suite.

New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Joseph Lewis.
9.58 Studio—Talk on "Shakespeare" by Professor R. K. M. Simpson.

10.18 Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.
11.00 Close Down.

ANZAC CEREMONY

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ROBOT SOLDIERS: VAST TANKS

Vast new war machines to smash the Siegfried Line are the spearpoint of a sensational plan for the Allies' conduct of the war put forward by Dr. Arthur Janser, internationally-famous research chemist.

Monster tanks, armoured machines, which can leap like grasshoppers, and robot soldiers are some of the inventions proposed by Dr. Janser, who is an Austrian refugee now engaged on secret war work in Britain.

By DR. ARTHUR JANSER

THE SIEGFRIED LINE CAN BE SMASHED. BUT TO SMASH IT THE ALLIES MUST GET BUSY WITH NEW WEAPONS AND NEW TYPES OF AMMUNITION.

Tanks weighing 500 tons, armoured like battleships, mounting siege guns which fire special concrete-breaking shells, are the only offensive weapon which the British and French can use to crack Hitler's defences in the West. Recent advances in metallurgical research have made the construction of 500-ton tanks possible.

Steel armour can now be cut down in weight by nearly one half without losing powers of resistance. And these minnows which toughen steel cannot be obtained by Germany. Substitutes are useless.

A tank of 500 tons built of this double-strength steel would sail serenely over tank traps and be impervious to land-mines. Ferro-concrete hooby traps would crumple under its advancing caterpillars.

The tanks would be equipped with siege guns. In fact, they would be moving fortresses hurling themselves against the fixed and doomed fortresses of the Siegfried Line.

Special concrete-shaking shells must be manufactured in thousands. These shells have the effect of a pneumatic hammer rather than that of a pointed stroke.

The 500-ton tanks, moving up after heavy bombardment, would be the battleships of a land action.

And the Allies must recruit more soldiers—robots. The Czechs and the Germans have both exploited the scientist.

I would add them to my assaulting wave, carefully prepared like the others, in large numbers and reserved for the surprise assault.

I would use them in the knowledge that the Germans could never duplicate them in the same numbers or quality, besides being confronted by the impenetrable strength of the Maginot Line.

Too much thought is being given to armies and man-power. This war will be won by the engineer and the scientist.

Before the war Germany's domestic fat production met only 50 per cent. of her consumption. This proportion has been further reduced by the paralysis of her whaling fleet.

"Her fishing fleet has been badly hit by naval warfare and the hard winter."

"Her feed supply depends on what proportion of her grain and potato crop can be spared, but it is admitted that she cannot hope to maintain her livestock without feed imports."

"While food, finance and raw materials are lacking, however, the Reich's war machine is unchecked."

"It appears that the blockade is unable to starve out Germany, and, so far it has been unable to cripple her war machine, which is still working at capacity."

"But it has definitely put Germany on short rations in every respect."

"Whether these rations will cripple Germany's military might will depend largely on the conduct and the duration of the war."

MAGAZINE PAGE

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I wish you'd stop that shagging long enough to let the custard set!"

Something about YOU

WHEN the war started, gloom came over England. It was as though Royalty had died.

Those who wanted to do a show, see a football match or swirl a nifty skirt in the local palais de danse were unlucky.

Then, quite suddenly, people started having fun again.

And the gurgling, wailing sob of the saxophone and other strange orchestral instruments split the ceiling plaster once more in the dance haunts of Hammersmith and Tooting.

In fact, at the present rate of progress the dance band musician is doing more to win the war than 75 per cent. of the young men in battle-dress.

On what authority can I make such an assertion?

Where do we get these ideas? They come from a new book called "War Begins at Home," published by Chatto and Windus at 6s. 6d. and compiled by the many spies who belong to the organisation Mass Observation.

Chapter Nine of this book records that on the outbreak of war dancing stopped in every big city throughout the country.

It had to. Public proprietors and social promoters had no choice. They were told to pack up.

But gradually common sense prevailed.

At first the dance halls reopened for brief sessions only. Then came extended times. And managers were able to record that they were doing even better than in peacetime.

Britain had begun to dance her way through the war.

In suburban halls, there were dancers who had laid up their cars and taken to bicycles... pedalling their way to rhythm instead of taking it easy in their cars.

In the West End, smart people complained because the faces of famous bands were missing from hotels and restaurants.

They returned.

And the smart set returned to the limelight, too.

On the radio new tunes, topical and haunting, began to make their appearance.

They were different from the jangling, jingling song-hits of 1914-1918.

They were polished, sophisticated, swingy.

Somewhere there was nothing you could roar out in choruses like "Tipperary" and "Pack Up Your Troubles."

But you could DANCE to them and sing the words softly as you danced.

Quite early in the war, you realised we were going to dance our way to Victory.

"We're Going to Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line" has good words, but it has an infinitely better tune... and to swing-conscious young England it's the tune that counts.

"There" were songs about the black-out, about bringing the soldiers daddy back to me, about Hitler.

The optimism of the saxophone was infectious.

Dance halls advertised forthcoming Victory Balls.

Posters announced "Dancing as usual during alterations in Europe."

"Thank God We've Got a Navy!" was a Great War slogan.

Be thankful, too, for the Army and the R.A.F. But don't forget to be grateful for your dance halls and bands.

Because these are going to play a large part in maintaining the cheerfulness and cool common sense which are essential to our final victory.

P.S.—Other chapters in Mass Observation's book deal with—to me—less interesting things!

So if you want to know how you felt when you thought there'd be air raids in September, when your kids were evacuated, when the lights went out... read "War Begins at Home."

The whole thing is rather like an X-ray photograph of yourself at war.

Whereas if you begin to begin to get them into training now they very first time you stroll out, unstockinged, they'll be assets on the personally balance-sheet, instead of liabilities.

And don't forget that legs which are smooth and well-groomed—that's to say free from scorch-marks, roughness, redness, goose-fish and hair—even if they're not particularly shapely, hold their own against legs like Marlene Dietrich's if they happen to be blotchy and uncareful-for.

If they are too thin, they should be massaged for at least fifteen minutes a day with a flesh-forming cream. The strokes should be long and firm, from ankle to knee. Fat legs should be wrapped in hot towels for about five minutes before beginning massage. Then sprinkle them thickly with a good talcum powder and massage in the way I've just described.

Massage can be used for both building up flesh and breaking down fat. After about fifteen minutes' treatment, use petrol-sage—i.e., pinching and rolling the flesh between thumb and forefinger.



THERE is a movement in Scandinavia to encourage Leon Trotsky to find his way into Russia by one of the back doors.

The men of the Northern countries would like to see Trotsky wreck his revenge on his comrade Stalin. They say his eyes flame with hatred at mention of Stalin. He hates the present government of the U.S.S.R. with fiercer bitterness than he hated the regime of the Tsars.

In a sense it may be said that Leon Trotsky—one-time world puritan and famous international publicist of to-day—holds the confidence of the world.

TO-DAY and every day Trotsky is sitting at his piled-up desk in a lonely old house, guarded by twelve detectives outside the Villa Hermosa, Mexico.

Great mountains shut in that strange homestead near the Guatemalan border. The man at the desk has dead white hair and beard. He looks tired, but his activity is of the old feverish tempo.

Much of his time is spent in adding yet further chapters to his monumental work, "The History of the Russian Revolution." The new chapters reveal the grim intentions, the aspirations and policy of the man who now rules Russia.

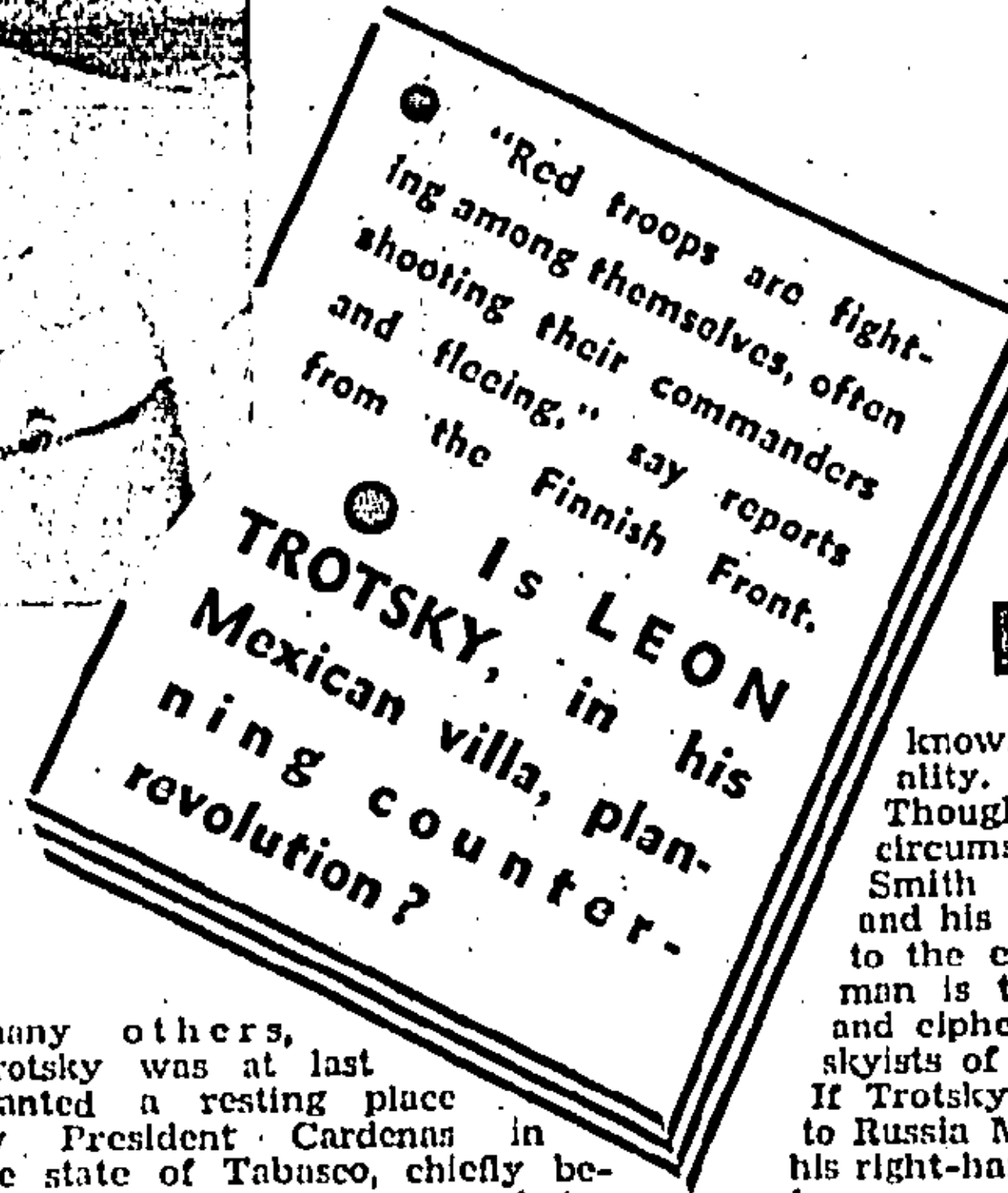
Behind Trotsky's desk stands a safe. In that safe are locked papers, which, says the exile, will one day when his book is finished throw a fearful light on Stalin's rise to power.

"Beware of Joseph Stalin," the man with the steel eyes," said Lenin as he lay dying. Lenin dreaded Stalin as his successor more than he dreaded death. He warned Trotsky how the "Man of Steel" might one day enslave the makers of the Russian Revolution.

BUT Trotsky is engaged on something more than placing Stalin in the world pillory. His net is still world wide. He still wields a peculiar power. Nobody knows what the man at the Villa Hermosa is thinking. He is a sphinx, except to the inner circle of the mysterious Fourth International. Hunted out of every country in Europe and refused a home in

STALIN'S WORST ENEMY

By JUAN RICCI



many others, Trotsky was at last granted a resting place in the state of Tabasco, chiefly because of its remoteness and inaccessibility.

There he writes for the American Press, adds chapter after chapter to his great history, and occasionally broadcasts to the U.S.A. As for his writings, it was Winston Churchill who said that Trotsky was the best paid writer in the English language.

On his desk stands a microphone normally used as a paper weight which can be hooked up to the American broadcasting chains via telephone cable to Mexico City at a few minutes' notice.

At the time of the famous Moscow trials of the British engineers, Trotsky was to broadcast to all America, denouncing the Soviet rulers. From his desk he spoke fiercely into his microphone, but nobody in the States heard him.

Some mysterious agent had cut the telephone cable to Mexico City.

Around Trotsky's study are scores of book shelves and files. Every day an aeroplane delivers letters, books and newspapers, and three secretaries deal with the vast correspondence which he maintains as dictator of the Fourth International, whose adherents are to be found in every quarter of the globe.

The most important of Trotsky's three secretaries is a saffron-skinned, bony, dark-haired personage, always addressed as Mr. Smith. He speaks English, Spanish, German, Russian and French with bewildering fluency, so that nobody

knows his true nationality. Though in prosperous circumstances, Mr. Smith looks flustered and his burning eyes add to the effect. This man is the link by code and cipher with the Trotskyists of the world.

If Trotsky ever goes back to Russia Mr. Smith will be his right-hand man.

A room overlooking the garden terrace of the Villa Hermosa is called the "room of souvenirs." Here are stored documents amassed over a period of nearly thirty years of exile.

Besides a number of false passports, issued during the Tsarist regime, there is a release warrant in Trotsky's real name, Lew Davidovich Bronstein.

ALL visitors to the Villa Hermosa are closely examined by the Mexican police.

One fairly frequent visitor is Max Eastman, a painter, whose wife is the sister of none other than Krylenko, who made himself infamous as the People's Commissar for Justice during the series of sensational trials in the Soviet some years ago.

Krylenko signed the death warrants of many of Trotsky's friends. He suddenly disappeared about two years ago and is almost certain to have been liquidated.

For some time since the death of his son Sedov in Paris Trotsky was convinced that attempts might be made on his life. Lately he has got over his fears.

Nevertheless, in the evening the shutters of his study are closed tightly and no light is to be seen from outside. Trotsky has no wish to be shot while he is at work explaining his part in the Revolution.

BOOKS: by Monica Dickens

This Man Should Be Spanked

GILBERT FRANKAU, who has been deservedly called "A Prince of Story-tellers," was once nicknamed, equally deservedly, by a newspaper columnist, "Gilbert Swan-kau."



Gilbert Frankau

He reveals this, among other proofs of a staggering and, one suspects slightly exaggerated, conceit, in his "Self Portrait," a novel of his life (Hutchinson: 10s. 6d.).

The only adjective I can think of to describe this book is "Cheeky." He takes a shameless delight in chronicling, with no sentiment and a great deal of humour, the brazen examples of his devil-may-care egotism.

He forestalls outside criticism by unrepentant self-criticism.

"England's most volatile and self-opinionated author," he calls himself, and says that, as a young man: "I could never see anybody's point of view but my own," and "My main love, my overwhelming passion, was for myself."

It is almost as if he dared you to like him, at the same time defying you to disapprove. The result is that you do like him, exceedingly, but with a faint feeling that it is neither for his good nor yours that you should.

You feel that if he were your son, you would have spanked him several times during his irresponsible career, but he would probably have taken the wind out of your sails beforehand, by acknowledging and glorying in his naughtiness.

and, then disarmed you completely, by making you laugh.

Naughtily he certainly is, but he has a way of shocking that makes me feel he could tell a questionable story to an archbishop and get away with it.

He has certainly got away with the rather audacious story of his own life, and the reputation that his books have given him of being a first-class story-teller has not been betrayed.

THERE is none of that rather forced reminiscencing that makes so many autobiographies so dreary. Like Frankau's "Peter Jackson" stories, and all his novels, this is what one of his typical characters would call "A rattling good tale," and includes some highly diverting anecdotes of various great men—Kipling, Maugham, Arnold Bennett, Michael Arlen, among others.

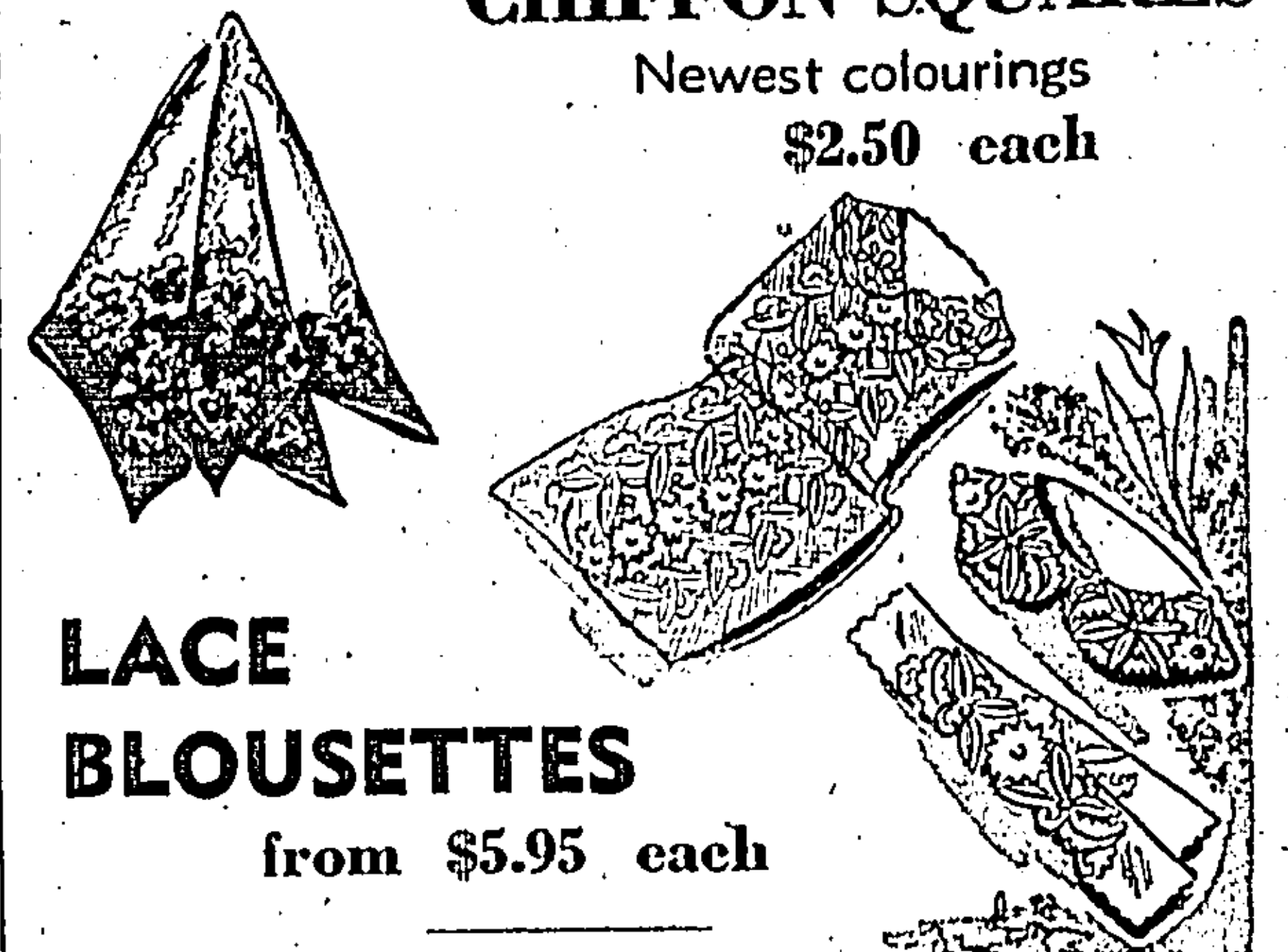
My favourite, however, is the saucy recital of a verbal fray that he had with H. G. Wells, who, he says: "looked me over as though I were a specimen out of a bottle."

Half way through the book, the thought was forming in my mind: "The man's a cad!" But on the very next page, he managed, by boldly putting my thought into words, to make me completely reverse my verdict.

He overheard one man say to another: "What do you think of young Gilbert?" And he quotes the answer with a glorious relish, as being: "Well, his father was a gentleman."

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Sir Neville Henderson — INSTALMENT TWO —

How Hitler planned to win over British opposition to his European plans until he was ready to attack the British Empire is explained to-day. Sir Neville was British Ambassador in Germany from May, 1937, until September, 1939, and in this dramatic story, "My Two Years with Hitler," he is telling, EXCLUSIVELY in the "Hongkong Telegraph," the historic sequence of events that led up to the war.

Yesterday he described his first meetings with Hitler, with the comment, "It was always my fate to find him in a temper." Of Ribbentrop, whose influence on Hitler he described as sinister, he wrote, "History will attribute a large share of the blame for September, 1939, to him."

THE FIRST of my purely personal efforts to improve relations with the Nazi rulers of Germany had been a speech of friendship which I had made at a dinner given to me in May, 1937.

The second was my attendance at the Nuremberg Party rally in September.

No British, French or United States Ambassador had hitherto gone to Nuremberg, on the ground that as a Party Day it would not be regarded as a purely official meeting.

For the first time, my French colleague, M. Francois-Poncet, Mr. Gilbert, the United States Charge d'Affaires, and myself, were authorised in 1937 by our respective Governments to attend the Rally.

Nobody who has not witnessed the various displays given at Nuremberg during the week's Rally, or been subjected to the atmosphere thereat, can be said to be fully acquainted with the Nazi movement in Germany.

I attended a review of the Party leaders, 140,000 in number and representing at that time over two million members of the Party.

I was present at a rally of the Hitler Youth, 45,000 strong, with 5,000 girls, and at a supper party to Herr Himmler's S.S. camp of 25,000 blackshirts. I had talks with Hitler himself, Neurath, Goering and Goebbels, as well as a number of other less important personages.

The displays themselves were most impressive. That of the party leaders (or heads of the party organisations in the towns and villages throughout the country) took place in the evening at eight p.m. in the stadium, or Zeppelinfeld.

Dressed in their brown shirts, these 140,000 men were drawn up in six great columns with passages between them.

Hitler himself arrived at the far entrance of the stadium, some four hundred yards from the platform; and, accompanied by several hundred of his followers, marched on foot up the central passage to his appointed place.

My Impression of Nuremberg

His arrival was theatrically notified by the sudden turning into the air of the 300 or more searchlights with which the stadium was surrounded.

The blue-tinted light from these met thousands of feet up in the air at the top to make a kind of square roof, to which a chance cloud gave added realism.

The effect, which was both solemn and beautiful, was like being inside a cathedral of ice.

At the word of command the standard bearers then advanced from out of sight at the far end, up the main line and over the further tiers and up the four side lanes.

A certain proportion of these standards had electric lights on their shafts, and the spectacle of these five rivers of red and gold rippling forward under the dome of blue light, in complete silence, through the massed formations of brown shirts, was indescribably picturesque.

I had spent six years in St. Petersburg before the war in the best days of the old Russian ballet, but in grandiose beauty I have never seen a ballet to compare with it.

The German, who has a highly developed herd instinct, is perfectly happy when he is wearing a uniform, marching in step and singing in chorus, and the Nazi revolution has certainly known how to appeal to these instincts.

Hess the Inscrutable

As a display of aggregate strength it was ominous; as a triumph of mass organisation combined with beauty it was superb.

The review of the Hitler Youth was no less an object lesson from an observer's point of view. Standards, music and singing again played a big part in the performance, and the fervour of youth was much in evidence. The speeches on that occasion were made by Hitler, Hess and Baldur von Shirach, the leader of the Hitler Youth.

Rudolph Hess was the Fuehrer's deputy.

In a sense, he seemed to me to be a sort of adopted son to Hitler, and on the outbreak of war he was named as second Hitler Goering in the order of succession to the leadership of the German nation.

In less troublous times he might well have been named first, but his authority with the Army would scarcely have been great enough in war time to hold the balance between the soldiers and the Nazi Party.

Tall and dark, with beetling eyebrows, a famous smile, and ingratiating manners, Hess was perhaps the most attractive looking of the leading Nazis.

He was not inclined to be talkative, and in conversation did not convey the impression of great ability.

I would have summed him up as aloof and inscrutable, with a strong fanatical streak.

At the Youth Rally it was Von Shirach's speech which, in spite of its painfully adulatory references to the Fuehrer, impressed me most.

One part of it surprised me when, addressing the boys, he said, "I do not know if you are Protestants or Catholics; but that you believe in God—that I do know."

I had been under the impression that all reference to religion was discouraged among the Hitler Youth.

Theoretically, however, in spite of the revolt against the sacred books of the Jews religion was free to the Hitler Youth; but, where and whenever it was possible to do so, it was in practice discouraged by various effective methods.

Sinister and Menacing Scene

The God of the Hohenzollerns had not saved Germany from defeat in 1918, and though God might still be worshipped, it must be a purely German one, to whom Hitler was so closely allied as to be barely distinguishable from the Deity Himself.

Hitler himself in his speeches constantly referred to the Almighty. He was not an atheist, but merely pro-Hitler and anti-Christian.

In the course of one of my interviews with him we touched upon the subject of the religion. He was at the moment incensed against certain English bishops for supporting the case of Pastor Niemoller.

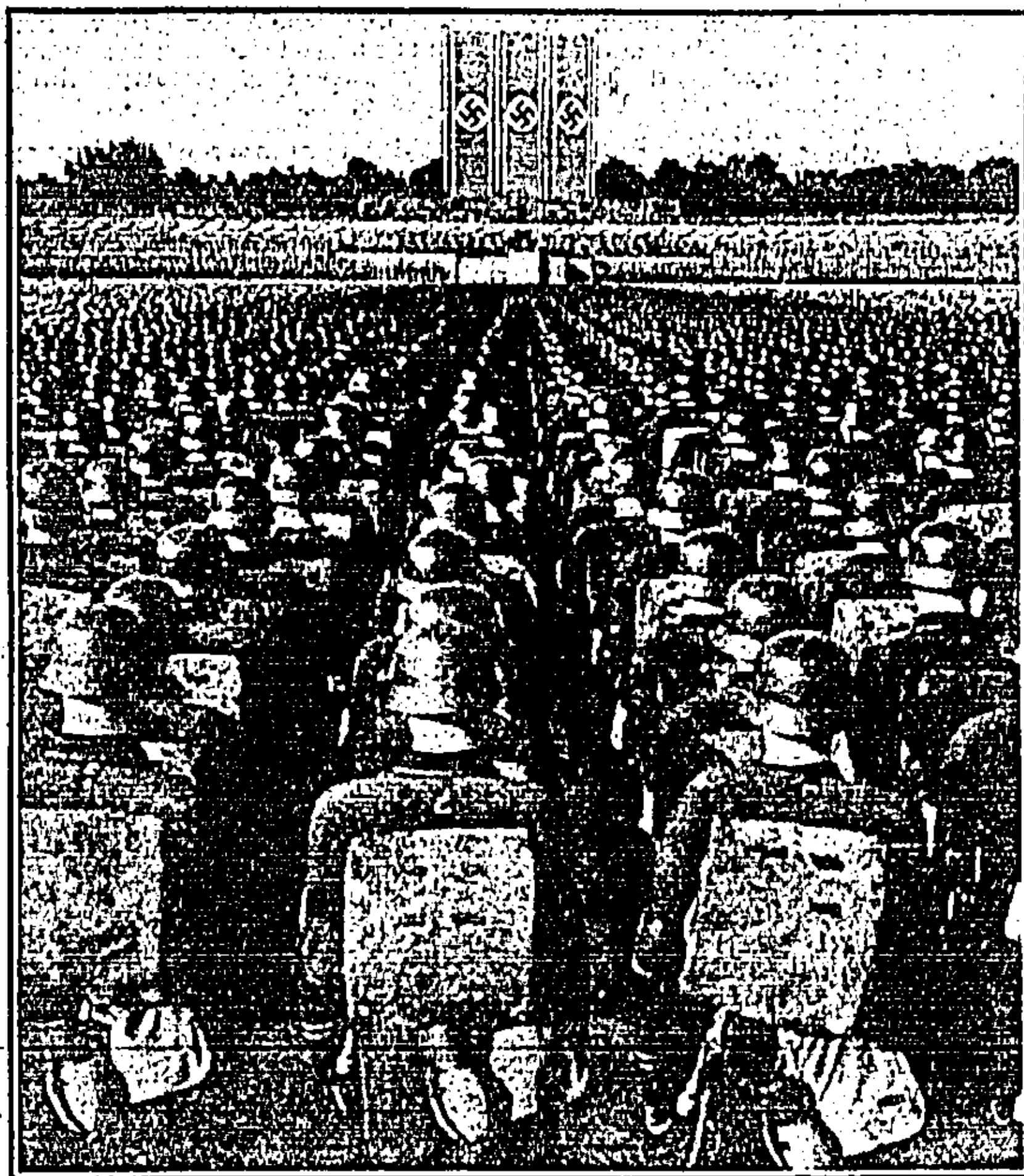
He would not, he shouted, brook any further interference by English Churchmen in the religious affairs of Germany.

It was their meddling, he said, which had caused him to give orders for Niemoller to be put in a concentration camp after he had been set at liberty by the tribunal which had tried him for sedition.

If, he continued, any English bishops tried to come to Germany they would be turned back at the frontier; and he concluded with the astounding statement that "Nowhere was religion freer than in Germany."

It was the sort of remark to which I never was able to find an answer, nor would it have served any purpose if I had.

GOERING threatens the BRITISH EMPIRE



His own National-Socialist religion, as he conceived it, with its German God was free, and that was all he cared for.

Furthermore, he could always make himself believe whatever he said.

It was this kind of attitude which made ordinary conversation and argument with him, and his imitator Ribbentrop, so difficult and unsatisfactory.

The supper in a great tent in Herr Himmler's S.S. Police Camp at Nuremberg was equally instructive in another sense.

During supper a number of songs were sung by a chorus of Blackshirts, and after it there was a tattoo for the lowering of the Swastika camp flag.

The music, as well as the bearing and drill of the special colour party, was exceptionally good. The S.S. played a big part in ruling Germany for Hitler, and they were picked men of powerful physique.

"But," as I wrote at the time, "the camp in the darkness, dimly lit by flares, with the black uniforms in the silent background and the skull and crossbones on the drums and trumpets lent to the scene a sinister and menacing impression. I felt, indeed, as if I were back in the days of Wallenstein and the Thirty Years' War in the seventeenth century."

Herr Hitler was more friendly to me personally on that occasion than on any of the others on which I saw him. He was undoubtedly pleased at the attendance for the first time of the British, French, and American representatives, and he indicated that he attributed this innovation to my initiative.

As it happened, I had had a long talk with Dr. Goebbels at lunch that day on the subject of our respective Presses, and I told Hitler so. There was nothing very new in that talk, and up to the last the Press problem remained insoluble, but Goebbels had been friendly and sensible. The "little doctor" was probably the most intelligent, from a pure-

ly brain point of view, of all the Nazi leaders. He never speechified; he always saw and stuck to the point; he was an able debater and, in private conversation, astonishingly fair minded and reasonable. Personally, whenever I had the chance, I found pleasure in talking to him.

In appearance and in character he was a typical little Irish agitator, and was, in fact, probably of Celtic origin. He came from the Rhineland and had been educated in a Jesuit school.

He was a slip of a man, but, in spite of his slight deformity, he had given proof of great courage when he fought the Communists in Berlin and won the capital for Hitler and Nazism.

When, however, he was on a public platform or had a pen in his hand no gall was too bitter and no lie too blatant for him.

Baron von Neurath, whom I saw the following day, was more forthcoming than Hitler. He told me that he found his Führer less resentful and more anxious for an understanding with Britain than he had been for a long time past. He did not, however, encourage me to think that Hitler would reopen the question of his visit to London.

I remember that I asked him, in the course of conversation, what were Germany's ultimate aims.

His reply was, "Austria is the first and last of our aims; the Sudeten German problem is a matter for compromise and can be settled amicably, provided the Czechs leave the Russian orbit and give true equality to their German subjects."

Such a statement was, as I was to discover, a characteristic example both of the half-truths indulged in whenever it was necessary to define German policy, and of the deceptive nature of German assurances in general. I.e., readiness to admit an obvious objective, coupled with a positive declaration that nothing more thereafter was aimed at.

Goering "I found more honest than Hitler... our talks were always on friendly terms."

Anschluss in Austria

It was so far true that Austria was, in fact, Hitler's immediate objective.

Of that there was no shadow of doubt, and in commenting on the greater calmness of the 1937 Party Rally, I had reported, "Germany to-day feels that she can not only afford to wait, but by waiting will be yet stronger and more sure of her goal. And the big goal is German unity. Of that let there be no mistake either; and if we intend definitely to oppose it, we should lose no time in asking ourselves the first and capital question 'How?' It was already quite evident that it would be futile to say 'no' to the dictator without being prepared to go to war to enforce it."

The question of the Austrian Anschluss was also mentioned in a long conversation which I had with Goering at this time.

He insisted that it was inevitable, and told me that he had a few days before seen Herr Guido Schmidt, the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and had bluntly told him that the sooner the Austrian Government accepted it as such, and without creating bad blood, the better it would be for all concerned.

Destroy the British Empire

As usual, Goering was very outspoken, and at times bellicose. Yet our many talks, in spite of complete frankness on both sides, were never conducted on any but mutually friendly lines.

He suffered comparatively little from the personal resentments which so often inspired Hitler and Ribbentrop, and up to the last I was inclined to believe in the sincerity of his personal desire for peace and good relations with England.

He laid stress on this at Nuremberg, though at the same time he added that if the British Empire refused to collaborate with Germany, there would be nothing for the latter to do but to devote herself to the destruction of that Empire instead of to its maintenance.

In this connection he mentioned to me—and was the first German to do so—the possibility of the Reich being compelled to revise the Anglo-German Naval Agreement.

I told him then, and again some months later, that such a step would inevitably lead in the end once more to war with Britain.

He regretfully admitted that this might be so, and added that it was against his advice that Hitler had insisted, when he did, on the conclusion of that Agreement.

Baron von Neurath once told me the same thing, the argument of both of them being that Hitler should have kept the naval agreement as a trump card up his sleeve for eventual use in a final bargain.

They were both more honest in this respect than Hitler since, from Goering's remark, I fancy that the contingency of repudiating that treaty was already in Hitler's mind, and, judging by subsequent experience, I can only conclude that he never intended to observe its terms longer than it suited him.

It was difficult, or even materially impossible, for him to rebuild a navy at the same time that he was re-creating his immensely formidable military and air machine, and the sole object, in Hitler's mind, of the Naval Agreement was to disarm British opposition to his schemes in Central Europe until such time as they came to fruition and were realised.

Thereafter it would be the turn of the British Empire. It is impossible to-day to draw any other conclusion.

TO-MORROW you will read of Goering's threat to bomb Britain.

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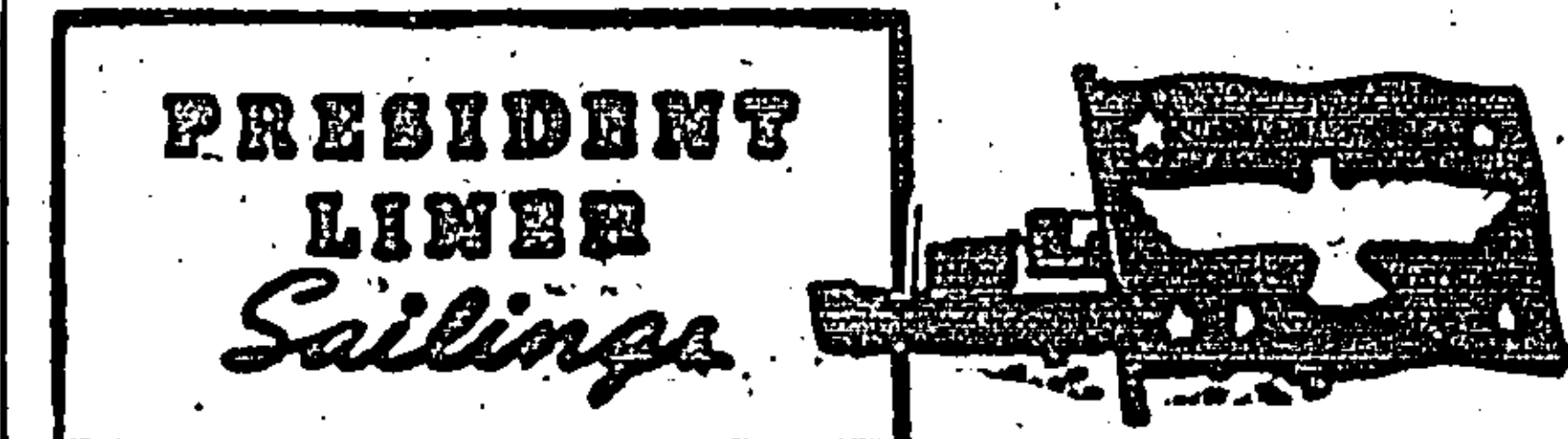


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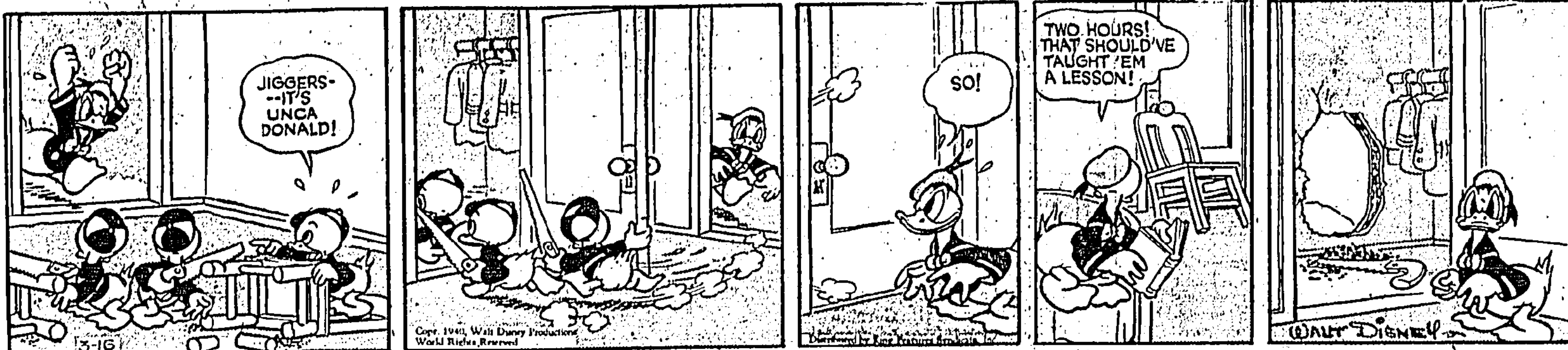
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Decorations have already been awarded to British soldiers for conspicuous bravery in this

work. These pictures show members of the Warwickshire Regiment learning patrol duty.

On the right: a Company Commander and section leaders are seen studying a plan of the area ahead of them, while their men remain on the alert.

Below: a Company Commander gives the signal for the patrol to come into close formation.



HUSBAND SAYS MAYFAIR WIFE HAD BAD TEMPER

EXETER BELL AS HIS FONT

IN the Exeter captain's shell-battered cabin, where three months ago lay the ship's wounded heroes, a baby was given a name of which he will grow up to be proud.

The two-year-old son of Warrant Engineer John Taylor was christened by the chaplain, the Rev. G. Grove and the name given to him was that of the ship which will forever hold a place of honour in the history of the British Navy.

Harry John Exeter Taylor cried throughout the ceremony. The ship's chaplain christened him with water from the Exeter's bell, which itself bore scars of the epic battle.

Thanksgiving

Captain Bell and his wife and Commander E. Simms were the baby's godparents.

Engineer Taylor has seen his baby only once since birth. He was born while his father was serving in the Exeter in South America and is the first child of a member of the crew to be christened on board.

Before the christening a thanksgiving service, attended by the officers and their wives, was held in the captain's cabin.

TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Second Lieutenant Porter, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Renfrew Porter, of Grosvenor-square, W., went into the witness-box in Mr. Justice Atkinson's court in the King's Bench Division and said that his wife had a violent temper, could never keep a maid, was not a good cook, and that he had never liked his mother-in-law.

His wife, 26-year-old Mrs. Valerie G. R. Porter, of Porchester-terrace, W., is claiming damages from his parents and alleges that they enticed her husband from her. The marriage took place in February, 1937.

Lieut. Porter said that his mother did not criticise his wife's way of running the establishment; she merely offered suggestions which his wife welcomed.

He knew from the first that the marriage was not going the way it should.

Spanked True And Hard

Before he went into the box his father, speaking of a scene in his flat, said that his son drew his wife over his knee and spanked her.

"Were they serious blows?" the judge asked. He spanked her true and hard," Mr. Porter replied.

Referring to the incident when he put his daughter-in-law out of his flat, he said: "She was fighting like a demon, determined to do any damage she could."

The judge: Did you think it right

Bleriot's Niece Is Granted Divorce

Mrs. Marie Antoinette Graves, now living in Paris, a niece of M. Bleriot, the aviator, was granted a decree nisi, with costs, by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court.

She charged her husband, Major Arnold Graves, an inventor, with desertion and the petition was untested.

Cartoons Teach R.A.F. To Avoid £300 Mistakes

EVERY time an R.A.F. pilot in training forgets to let down his under-carriage as he is about to land it costs the country up to £300 in repairs.

So the Training Command have devised two methods which should improve his memory.

One is to commission Fougasse to draw a series of comic illustrations of the faults of learner pilots.

One drawing shows a pilot forgetting to lower his undercarriage. Another shows a flier putting himself in a dangerous position by flying under the tail of another aircraft.

These drawings are to be hung in the crew rooms at the training centres both here and in Canada writes a London correspondent.

42 Instruments

The second method introduces a "mock-up," or dummy, cockpit. All the dials and levers face the learner, who is expected to be constantly sealing himself within the cockpit to memorise the appearance and position of the dials and to practise the sequence of operating the levers.

Eventually he may have to learn to fly a machine which has 42 instruments.

I understand that, based on the number of flying hours, the number of accidents during the "high-pressure" flying training of war-time is about the same as during the more leisurely days of peace.

Pilots are being trained in bad weather conditions as well as in good. The difference between teaching a pilot in this war and the last is tremendous. When 1940 pilots come out of their elementary training school they have reached the stage where, in the last war, pilots were sent to France.

Before a qualified pilot is allowed to take up a machine of new type he must study a specially printed booklet of "flying notes"—similar, in effect, to the notes motor manufacturers present to motorists with their new cars.

Air-gunnery, too, are being trained in a far more technical manner than those of 1918.

A hangar at one gunnery school contains seven or eight gun-turrets placed in a row.

The learning air-gunnery sit inside them and point machine-guns whose barrels contain powerful torpedoes.

The hangar is put in darkness, and a round patch of light is made to move slowly across one of the walls.

It is the gunners' job to "shoot" the patch of light. At first the learners "wander all over the place."

Love Sergeant Major, Judge Tells Private

"ORDERS are orders," Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson told a young soldier at Durham Assizes, after he had commented that "according to the new idea you ought to love the sergeant-major." Seventeen-year-old John Connor, native of Leeds, a private in the Durham Light Infantry, pleaded not guilty to attempting to murder his sergeant-major by shooting at him. His plea of guilty of attempting to wound was accepted by the prosecution.

Asking the Judge not to pay too much attention to the lad's obstinacy and blood-curdling threats, Mr. F. T. Willey, for the defence, said:

"You've heard about the fellow named Sam who wouldn't pick up his musket. Well, in this case he wouldn't put it down."

"Some Sort Of Grudge"

The Judge: That is a case of which I cannot take cognisance.

Mr. Willey: Then I will not mention Sam again.

Mr. C. B. Fenwick, prosecuting, said the charge arose out of an incident at a training camp. The youth had been dining-room orderly and had refused to clear up scraps of food when told to do so by his sergeant-major.

Later Connor went to the store room and got a rifle. He already had four rounds of ammunition. He pointed the rifle towards the sergeant-major and the bullet landed in the wall behind him.

Afterwards he gave vent to threats which possibly he did not seriously mean.

"Bad Soldier"

An officer said the youth was a bad soldier and not amenable to discipline.

When Mr. Willey said there was some sort of a grudge between the youth and the sergeant-major, the Judge observed: "I thought according to the new idea you ought to love the sergeant-major."

Sending Connor to Borsari for three years, the Judge said when he came out possibly he would still go into the Army.

"Make it a career—and a fine one it is, too—but remember that orders are orders."

Mother Of 4 Deported

SEATTLE—A mother of four, denied citizenship because she wouldn't bear arms for the United States in case of war, must return to Canada.

"They asked me if I would take up arms, and I told them I couldn't do that, but would do anything else the Government asked me if we were in war—nursing or anything like that," Mrs. Alice Signe Aune explained.

"But I guess that isn't enough." She is a native of the United States but lost her citizenship by marrying a Norwegian, O. P. Aune. They lived in Winnipeg, Canada, 25 years.

Last summer the family moved to Seattle. Mr. Aune and four children entered as immigrants. Mrs. Aune entered on a parole requiring an application for citizenship within three months. She was ordered to return to Canada.

Her case paralleled that of Mrs. Kathryn Erickson of Enunclaw, Wash., Norwegian, who also was refused citizenship after she refused to bear arms because "I couldn't shoot people." Her plight started a move to change the Naturalisation Law.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE?

Gothenburg, Apr. 22. Gunfire was again audible at Gothenburg archipelago this morning, especially at Roeroe. Heavy fog prevented people from observing whether it was an air or naval engagement, but it is believed that it may indicate the beginning of a major naval battle.—United Press.

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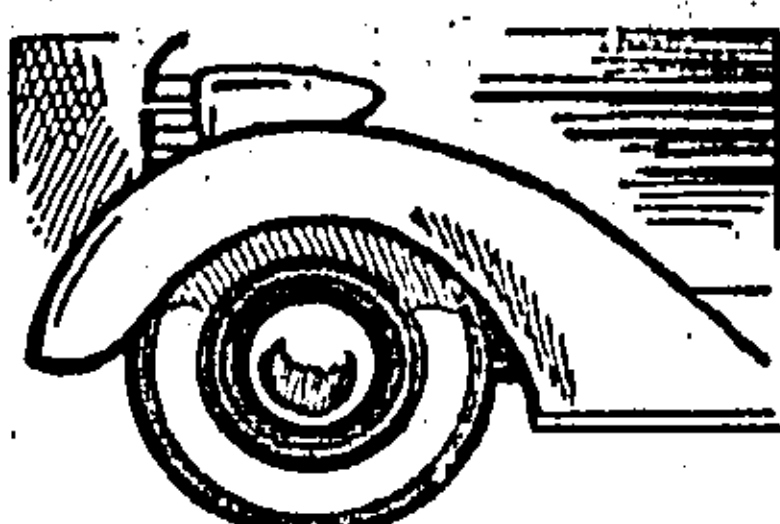


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Holland Waits

The Dutch Government is preparing against the possibility of immediate invasion by Nazi Germany.

That this is now a serious possibility none can doubt. German troops are massed on the frontier, all the preparations for an attack appear to be in train, although even yet, of course, the threat may not be translated into action.

An invasion of Holland, whose neutrality cannot be called in question in one particular and whose desire for peace has been made manifest again and again, would be a crime against international law and against the conscience of the world.

But Nazi Germany has committed too many crimes already to trouble about adding another to the list.

Holland threatens no one. She will be invaded, if invaded she is, simply because it seems expedient to Hitler to overrun another small nation for his war purpose.

The threat against Holland comes because Herr Hitler conceives that the Dutch coast, like Denmark, might be useful to him as a jumping-off ground for air raids on Britain.

He will not get his air bases easily. Holland will fight if invaded, and call to her aid the forces of Nature by flooding her land against the invader.

Nor, if invasion were successful, would it affect the ultimate balance of the war. Britain is prepared to meet the weapon of air attack as she has been prepared from the day war started.

It would but steel the resolution of the British and French people to fight until Hitlerism is finally defeated.

And to the rest of the world a brutal attack upon yet another small and peaceable nation would provide—if it were needed—the final evidence that there can be neither peace nor the civilised co-operation of nations in Europe so long as Naziism exists.

WHAT ECONOMIC WAR MEANS

THE Ministry of Economic Warfare is the most potent department on the home front in the war to end Hitlerism.

For six and a half years Hitler has been hammering the German nation into a weapon of war. Will that weapon, now that he is using it, break in his hands? Every possible strain must be put upon the German war machine, for if it collapses the war will be over.

It is the duty of the Ministry to help the military forces in putting that strain on Germany, while propaganda plays its part in weakening internal support for Hitler.

Economic warfare is the opposite of Hitler's dream of a lightning war of conquest. It is slow to get going, it takes a long time to make its effect, but in the long run it is irresistible.

To-day we are in a position to wage economic warfare, Hitler is not. We have ample means of defence against such warfare, Hitler has few. And if it is to be a long war, we have the moral stamina to see it through.

Consider the condition of Germany at the outbreak of war. For six and a half years Hitler has forced sacrifices on the German people in order to make Germany self-sufficient, but Germany is still a very long way from being self-sufficient.

First, there is food. Broadly speaking, Germany is self-sufficient to the extent of about 80 per cent. in food supply.

As regards wheat, Germany has enough. Last year's harvest was excellent. But there is a slight shortage of meat and of cattle fodder, a great deal of which has to be imported. And there is a severe shortage of fats.

Germany, in fact, is on a low level of subsistence now and there is not much of a margin for further restriction. Hitler must maintain his food supply and even improve it, for soldiers eat more than civilians.

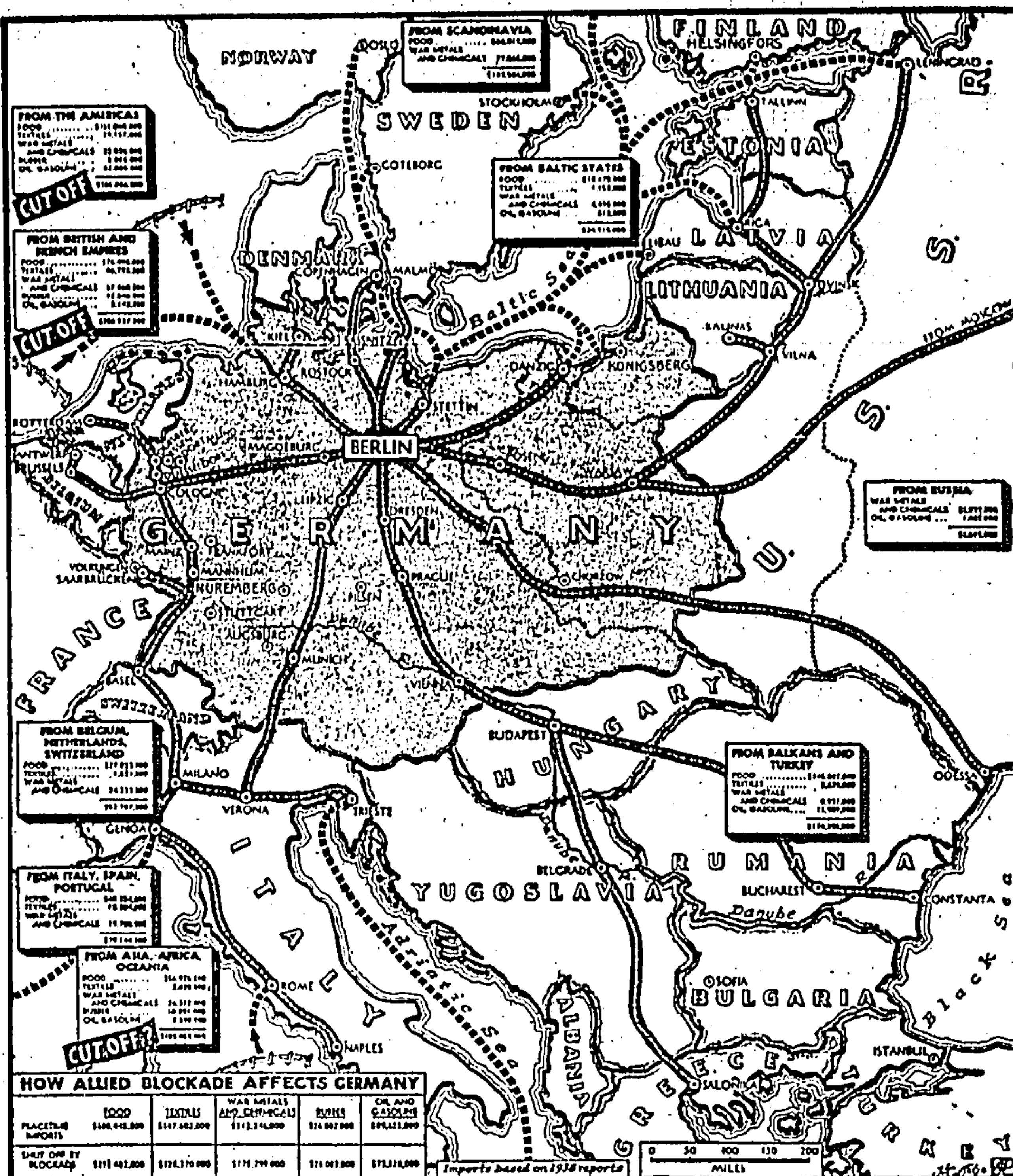
After food there is the question of raw materials vital for Germany's war industries. Here Germany's position is very much weaker.

There are seven groups of raw materials absolutely necessary for carrying on a war. They are coal, iron ore, metals other than iron, rubber, timber, textile fibres, and oil. In only two of these—coal and timber—is Germany self-sufficient. For the rest she is partly and in some of these cases entirely dependent on foreign supplies, some of them over-seas. If we can cut off these supplies—or part of them—Germany will be crippled.

Some of Germany's supply channels are in our hands. If we declare a blockade of Germany, we can close the English Channel and make communication with Germany by way of the North Sea exceedingly difficult. With the Italian Fleet neutral, the Mediterranean would be in the hands of the British and French Navies, and as a further check on Germany, the Dardanelles are dominated by Turkey, an ally.

There would remain to Germany the land routes, and problematically, the Baltic. Along the land routes Germany can get wheat and oil—ample wheat but insufficient oil—if she can pay for them or supply goods in exchange. If not, Germany has to commandeer them, and that means carrying the war into Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece. It might be bloodless war, but all these countries, if under the heel of Germany, would lose their rights as neutrals.

The same applies to Sweden, who can supply Germany from across the Baltic with the iron ore which is indispensable to her. Last year, in peace time, she imported 22 million tons of Swedish iron ore. Wartime needs would



Map and Figures Show Routes and Supplies at Stake.

By Donald Hodson

be much greater. Sweden, in fact, may hold the key to Germany's armaments industry.

Finally, we must consider the position of Russia. If we assume that the Nazi-Soviet pact contains provisions for Russian supplies in time of war, then the question arises what can Russia supply and through what channels can she supply it, frozen for the greater part of the year. Moreover, Leningrad goes into the question thoroughly and points out that the commercial assistance Russia can Magnitogorsk, and Russian railroads give Germany "can easily be exaggerated."

Leaving on one side the political difficulties (that Russia might be unwilling to help Germany to dominate Europe), it must be remembered that unless Russia provides credit, which is unlikely, Germany would have to pay for any Russian supplies, or provide goods in exchange; that, in fact, Russia would be no more use in this respect than any neutral country to which

Germany has access. And even in peace time Germany has been carefully built up so as to make Russia independent of foreign supplies, and the stage has now been reached where production is only being used for export business.

Then there is the problem of transport. The Baltic may be necessary raw materials and such things as factory machinery which she cannot yet make herself.

Food production has improved, but the standard of living is still low, and there is no surplus to send to Germany, except perhaps wheat which Germany does not need.

Only in a few things could Russia help—manganese, cotton, timber and perhaps a little oil—and much organisation would be needed before they became available for Germany.

It is crystal clear from all this that Germany's outside supplies are in a perilous position. It is for us to make them even more perilous, through economic warfare. It is also clear that economic warfare is far wider in its scope than military warfare, and in the long run of equal importance.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare in the War Government, is a merchant banker who became a Conservative M.P. in 1931 and has worked his way up to the position of Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade.

His work at the Board of Trade will be useful to him in this important new post. But it does not seem advisable that the final responsibility of such vitally important work should fall on a man who has never before held Cabinet rank.

The general direction of the war is in the hands of the War Cabinet. This matter of economic warfare as well as our own economic defence and the co-ordination of that defence with that of our Allies is a supremely important part of the struggle. This field and the work of all executive departments concerned with it should be made the special responsibility of one of the War Cabinet Ministers.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"That's a miniature shot I took of the Grand Canyon at 250th of a second—couldn't quite get it all in, of course."

Soviet Fleet In Baltic

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter Bulletin).—At the other end of the Baltic Russia is getting the first fruits of her war with Finland. The first unit of the Soviet Fleet has entered Hango which was leased to Russia for 30 years. The Gulf of Finland is still frozen and a passage for the Soviet Fleet had to be cut by an icebreaker. The Soviet has established a naval base at Hango and needs a passage through the Gulf to get materials, which have hitherto been conveyed by air.

WORTHLESS PROMISES

U.S. Admiral Attacks Japan's Policy

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Reuter).—Rear-Admiral Charles V. Felt, former Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the Senate Naval Committee today, stated that Japan's promises in international relations "are worthless" and that Japan is "seeking to impose her culture on the world by force."

He further stated that the trend of developments in the Far East might eventually force the United States to a war against Japan.

Asserting that he was expressing only his own view, Admiral Felt said: "We would be warranted in using economic and financial means and, if necessary, force, to preserve the integrity of China."

Expansion Warning

Saying that even if Japan conquered China she would still lack essentials such as oil, rubber and tin, Admiral Felt expressed the opinion that Japan "thus might seek to expand in the Dutch Indies and the Philippines."

Admiral Felt continued: "But we should not be placed in a position of having to carry on a single-handed war against Japan."

He suggested that Britain, France and the Netherlands should give assistance. "It should be a naval war. We can't invade Japan," he said.

Admiral Felt suggested the construction of an "impregnable naval base in the Philippines" and the continued building of battleships. He said that agreements might be made with the British, French and Dutch whereby American naval vessels could use their bases in the Pacific.

BRITISH ONLY 30 MILES FROM TRONDHEIM

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tions on the heights of Lindhaed were stormed after bitter fighting. The agency says that the mopping up of Norwegian patrols around Stavanger continues.

Describing the air raid on Namsos, it says that the bombardment of British positions lasted six hours. German aircraft attacked continuously in successive waves.

"The number killed could not be ascertained," it goes on, and claims that the railway station was completely destroyed.

Nazi Troops Recalled

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Reports received this evening indicate that the Germans have been recalling their troops along the railway linking Narvik with Swedish mines.

The force posted at Bjornfjell, near the Swedish frontier, is reported to be cut off. Its position is regarded as hopeless, and the force is expected eventually to cross the Swedish border.

Norway To Fight

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"The Allied Governments have taken vigorous action for the battle to be fought on Norwegian soil," declared the Norwegian Minister in London in a broadcast.

He added: "Much has been written about those who betrayed the country. They are isolated and misguided persons. There are no parties now in Norway. We are all only Norwegians."

JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, said today that the Government would not undertake to "relate to the Philippine Legislature or bring pressure to bear on it in connection with Japan's objection to the proposal to limit Japanese immigration to the Philippines."

The Japanese Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Kenseki Horinouchi, had asked Mr. Hull on Saturday to intervene in the Philippines, where a legislation which would cut Japanese immigration to 500 persons a year is now pending.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange today, although the immediate of the Budget restricted activity, the market was generally cheerful.

Gold-edged securities quietly improved while gold-mining holdings were supported by local investors. Oils were brighter on a growing demand.

Wall Street was firm.

Staff Chiefs Changes

Switch Over Made To Relieve Strain

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that several changes are being made to relieve the strain upon the Chiefs of Staff.

General Sir John Dill, who is at present commanding the First Army Corps in France, has been appointed to be Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Vice-Admiral Tom S. V. Phillips and Air Marshal R. E. Peirse, who are at present Deputy Chiefs of the Naval and Air Staffs respectively, have been appointed to be Vice-Chiefs.

War Cabinet Deputies

The holders of the new posts will be members of the Board of the Admiralty, the Army Council and the Air Council respectively, and will be available to attend the meetings of the War Cabinet at which the Chiefs of Staff are unable to be present.

It is understood that Sir Charles Craven will be a member of the Air Council and will assist Air Marshal Sir Wilfrid Freeman, who heads the production drive necessitating the starting of new factories and the employment of thousands of more men in aircraft production and the creation of new aerodromes throughout the country.

In this connection it is understood that the Empire Air Training Scheme is coming well up to expectations.

Air Council's New Member

Appointment Of Sir Charles Craven

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry announcement confirms that Sir Samuel Hoare, the new Air Minister, has invited Sir Charles Craven to join the Air Council as Civil Member for development and production in association with Air Marshal Sir Wilfrid Freeman.

Sir Charles Craven is also to be Chairman of the Air Supply Board, which will replace the existing Air Council Committee on Supply, and will be responsible under the Air Council for the production of aeronautical equipment and supplies.

Two-Year Plan Success

Sir Charles, on taking up the appointment, has ceased to take any part in the conduct of the affairs of the Air Ministry, and has been replaced by Mr. E. J. Lemon, whose services were lent to the Air Ministry by the London-Midland-Scottish Railway in June, 1938, is resuming the Presidency of the L.M.S. organisation, which will serve on the Air Supply Board.

Mr. Lemon carried out, with marked success, the two-year production programme for which he was lent to the Air Ministry.

The Danger Of Communists

Why France Has Had To Round Up Reds

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Why France simply had to adopt the measures that she has adopted against Communists is explained in a letter to the British Labour Party from the Secretary of the French Socialist Party.

Many former Communist Deputies are now in prison in France for violating the decree of last September, making the Communist Party illegal. In his letter, the French Socialist Secretary emphasises that many people elsewhere do not realise the magnitude of the Communist danger to France's war effort.

Commensurate With Dangers

The severe measures taken are commensurate with the dangers they are designed to meet, he says. The Communist Party had made itself the mouth-piece of a foreign government which was the associate and accomplice of a country at war with France.

The issue was clear. France had to decide whether or not that a party, which was directed and financed by a Foreign Power, should take part in the work of the French Assembly and be given information of the military and diplomatic position and secret details of the defence of France.

EXERCISES IN DESERT

CAIRO, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The first large scale exercises by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, since its arrival in Egypt, began this morning in the desert to the south of Cairo.

The exercises are designed to test the powers of co-ordination of the infantry, cavalry and artillery in the roughest country.

The exercises will last for four days.

Operation On A Warship

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An entire squadron of cruisers and destroyers returning from Norway was stopped for an hour while a warship's surgeon performed an operation for acute appendicitis. All the vessel formed a protective ring round the warship during the halt.

During the operation a German flying-boat delivered an attack, one bomb bursting near a destroyer but no damage was done.

OBITUARY

Member Of Mr. Lloyd George's War Cabinet

London, Apr. 22. Mr. G. N. Barnes, a member of Lloyd George's War Cabinet, died here on Sunday at the age of 81. He had been in a failing health since last August when he suffered a stroke. Mr. Barnes was a signatory of the Versailles Peace Treaty—United Press.

George Nicol Barnes was born in Dundee in 1859, of a Yorkshire father and a Scottish mother. He started work in a factory at 13 but was soon put to engineering. After two years at Harrow he went to London where he was out of work for months. He began trade union and Labour propaganda and in 1889 became a member of the executive of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers of which he was made assistant secretary in 1892.

He contested Rochdale in 1895 and next year was appointed general secretary of the A.S.E. In July came the great strike for an eight-hour day which lasted till 1898.

Barnes was one of those who founded the Parliamentary Labour party in 1900. In 1905 he stood for Blackfriars, Glasgow, Bonar Law's constituency. Here again he opposed an unauthorised strike despite the effect on his chance of being elected, telling the men they would get no strike pay, but he won the election.

A strong advocate of old age pensions he became in 1902 chairman of the Labour committee formed to press for these and continued to fight until the measure was enacted in 1908. Barnes was chairman of the Labour party in 1910 when it was fighting for its life against the Osborne judgment which had declared a compulsory levy by trade unions for political purposes illegal.

When the war broke out he did much recruiting and later devoted himself to getting more adequate pensions and allowances for soldiers and their families. In 1915 he went to Canada to secure mechanics to replace those called up and also visited France to bring munitions from the trenches. His plane was shot down and he was killed at the front in the same year.

Joining the Government as Pensions Minister in 1916, he did much to make that department more efficient. During Arthur Henderson's mission to Russia, Barnes took his place in the War Cabinet where one of his tasks was to set up commissions to inquire into industrial unrest. Soon after his return Henderson resigned and Barnes took his place in the War Cabinet in 1917.

Sent to the Peace Conference as a representative of the workers, he became the champion of an international Labour Office as a part of the League of Nations and had to fight hard for this project which he found had few friends among the Dominion delegates. Eventually he piloted the scheme through.

Trade Pact With Soviet

Favourable Reply Expected From Malsky

London, Apr. 22. It is indicated that the British authorities expect a favourable reply to Lord Halifax's suggestion on Friday to M. Malsky, the Russian Ambassador to explore the Anglo-Russian trade relations, which is regarded as the first concrete outcome of the recent Foreign Office talks with the Balkan Ministers.

Diplomatic circles link the British suggestion with the general policy to push on the economic war against Germany. Any trade agreement with Russia, like similar agreements with other neutrals, it is considered, would specify exports to Russia not to be transhipped to Germany. It is suggested that the agreement might prove a wedge to subsequent mutually satisfactory arrangements restricting the amount of contraband Germany is receiving from the United States through the trans-Siberian railway, which is one of the major leaks of the British blockade.—United Press.

No Russian Views

London, Apr. 22. No further Russian views on the new trade agreement with Britain are expressed, pending a reply to the statement by Lord Halifax to M. Malsky. So long as Russia allows goods to pass through her country for Germany, the Anglo-Soviet agreement must remain in the air.—Reuter Bulletin.

Opinion In Paris

Paris, Apr. 22. Commenting on the possibility of trade talks between Britain and Russia, the newspaper Le Matin says: "We hope England and France will distinguish clearly the risk of such negotiations. The policy that has resulted in making Stalin an arbiter even at the price of a new betrayal of this time at the expense of Germany—would be full of danger."—Reuter.

Women's Golf

Scotland Meets Rest At Fanling

THE LADIES' SECTION of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club are holding their Scotland versus The Rest match at Fanling to-day over the Old and New Courses.

The following are the teams:
SCOTLAND: Mrs. W. S. Hillier, Mrs. A. C. Meredith, Mrs. J. W. Shaw, Mrs. H. C. Shelton, Mrs. P. S. Casady, Mrs. F. A. Redmond, Mrs. K. S. Robertson, Mrs. W. N. A. Smalley, Mrs. M. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. R. Collis, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. H. B. Rose, Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie, Mrs. R. D. Walker, Miss M. McIndripping, Mrs. H. Overy, Mrs. F. D. Hunter, Mrs. H. C. Margaret, Mrs. D. S. Edward, Mrs. L. Blair, Mrs. A. Nichol, Mrs. C. D. Brown, Mrs. A. V. Greaves, Mrs. A. J. Dennis, Mrs. R. J. Shirley, Miss P. Fleming, Mrs. W. Park, Lady MacGregor, Mrs. R. R. Davis, Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh, Mrs. F. C. Young.

Competition Results

The Stableford Competition held at Fanling over the week-end was won by W. H. Jowitt with a score of 20+14=40. There were 28 entries.

ADAMSON CUP

In the semi-final round of the Adamson Cup Competition, held at Happy Valley, Hugh Smith beat W. W. C. Sheehan two and one, while F. Buckle beat G. E. Willerton two and one.

C. S. C. C. Bowls Competitions

Wappingshaw bowls competitions will be held by Civil Service Cricket Club every Tuesday evening, commencing to-day. The draw will take place at 5.20 p.m.

Y. M. C. A. Swimming Meeting

The annual swimming meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. will be held this evening at 6 in the West Lounge. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend in order to help arrange an active swimming programme for the coming season.

NAZI AIR TERROR

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were any British troops in the neighbourhood, entered my car and directed me to a remote farm house.

Getting Along Very Well

There in the flickering light of an oil lamp on a Norwegian house, I had my first meeting with the British officers attached to the British expeditionary force.

"We are getting along very well indeed," one of them said, "but this persistent bombing and machine gunning is the devil."

The day before, he said, he had been in Namsos and German planes had been over the town continuously from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

And was blazing furiously in many places. But, he said, there had been few casualties and as far as he knew there had been no loss of life among the British troops.

The soldiers and civilians alike were being machine-gunned, he said, in furious air attacks on all roads, villages and towns in the district.

SWEDEN'S NEW DESTROYERS

CARTAGENA, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Four destroyers, which Sweden bought from Italy in December, have arrived en route to Sweden.

The squadron, which includes the transport ship, Patricia, will proceed to Sweden after two destroyers, which collided, have been repaired.

Rift In Puppet Administration

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—The rupture between Wang Ching-wei and Liang Hung-chi, "president" of the Control Yuan of the puppet government in Nanking, has deepened according to a Shanghai message.

At the regular meeting of Wang's Central Political Council on April 20, it is stated, Liang was a noticeable absentee.

ATTACKS ON SHIP

German Plane Fires On Dutch Trawler

Amsterdam, Apr. 22. The Dutch trawler, Erin of Ynouden was machine-gunned in the North Sea by a German plane yesterday. The vessel succeeded in reaching port.

The skipper stated that her colours were plainly visible and the plane could not have mistaken her identity.—Reuter.

Freighter Sinks

Rotterdam, Apr. 22. The owners have received a report that the Dutch steamer Bernisse (551 tons) with a cargo of pyrites ore sank off the Norwegian coast. The crew of 18 were saved and are en route to Holland by way of Sweden. The Bernisse was at Narvik when the Germans started the occupation. The cause of her sinking is not known.—United Press.

Hitler Loses His Gamble

Failure Of Aircraft To Beat Warships

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The war in Norway crystallises into three main areas; first, that between Hamar and Oslo; second, Trondheim; and third, the Narvik section where news has been most obscure.

If Hitler relied on his own air force to defeat the British Navy, he has lost twice over and failed to gain superiority in the air. The control of air bases in Norway is essential for strengthening his troops. As the Norwegian campaign develops, the German chances of victory are getting remote. Hitler is expected to make another wild stroke to save his face, and observers in Europe are speculating as to who may draw the next number in this sinister lottery.

Disquieting Signs

Germany's neighbours are taking no chances and it is noted that disquieting signs now prevail. In the north Sweden was provided with fresh reason for preparedness by reported German aircraft flying over Swedish territory. The number of planes was reported to be 28 and certainly four have been put out of action, one by Swedish fighters, two were forced to land and the last crashed in the sea near Gothenburg.

The points where the planes were seen do not give the impression that they were stray machines which had lost their way. It is suggested in some quarters that the Germans are trying to photograph the Swedish defences.

The people share the general Press indignation at the violation of Swedish neutrality and it is reported that the Swedish Minister in Berlin is strongly protesting against violation of Swedish territory by German aircraft.

DEARTH OF NEWS

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feeling that this crisis has been completely and rapidly met.

Would-be Quislings

The "News Chronicle" does not think much of would-be Quislings in Britain.

"Discussing the agitation in certain quarters about the possibility of a 'Fifth Column' in Britain, the paper takes the view that the Communists are being so stupid that they can quite safely be left at liberty to complete the ruin of what reputation remains to them."

Recent bye-elections, in which the Fascist and Communist peace group candidates participated, have shown that their support is small enough to be safely ignored and that they are not decreasing.

The Labour paper "Daily Herald" approves of the Government's willingness to talk about trade with Russia providing that Moscow refrains from furnishing Hitler with materials of war.

If Russia intends to live as a peaceful neutral, mutual trade would be of advantage to both countries.

Imperialism

The mounting of the guard by the French Canadian troops at Buckingham Palace gives "The Times" an opportunity to discuss Imperialism.

It is difficult to appreciate the full significance of the French Canadians taking over this duty from the Irish Guards.

Let those who see it as nothing more than a matter of military routine try to imagine a Bohemian regiment speaking Czech and mounting guard at Berchtesgaden.

They may then estimate the worth of those who represent the war in neutral countries as a struggle between rival imperialisms.

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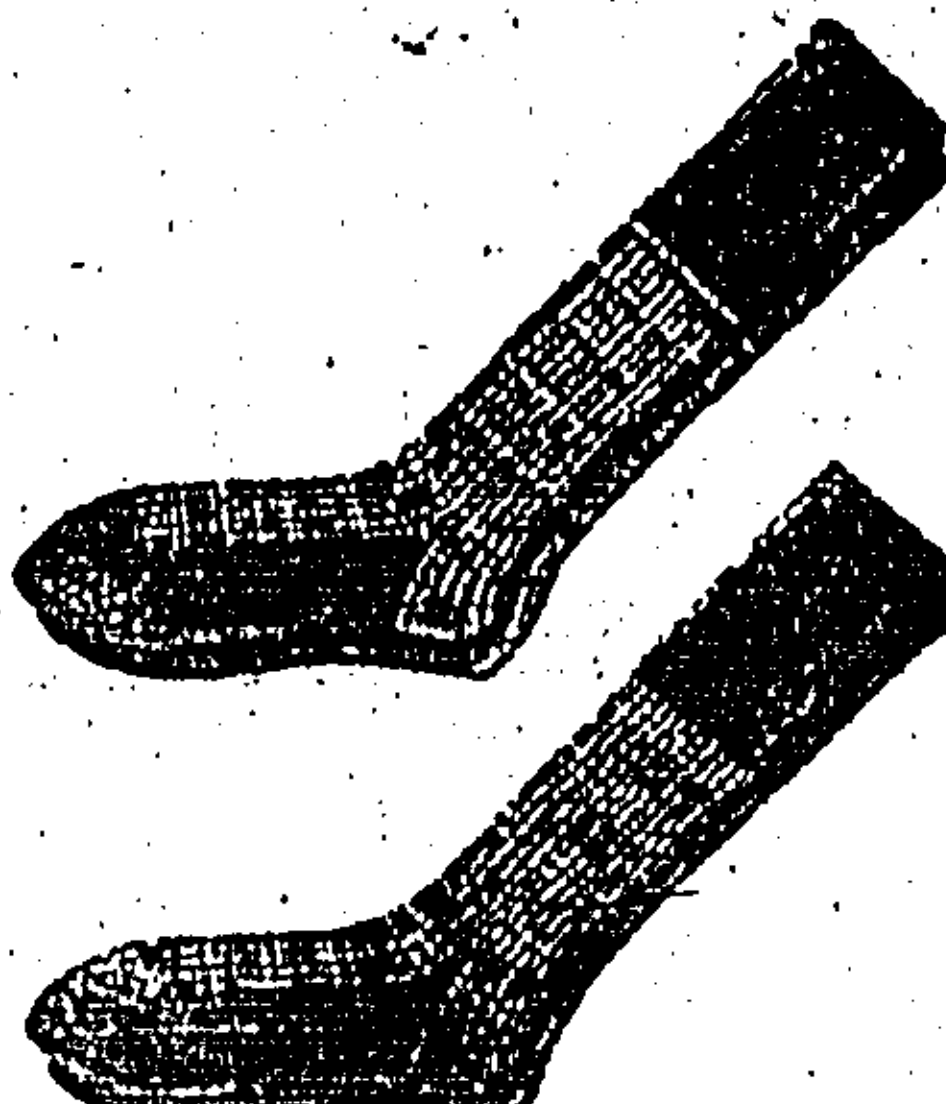
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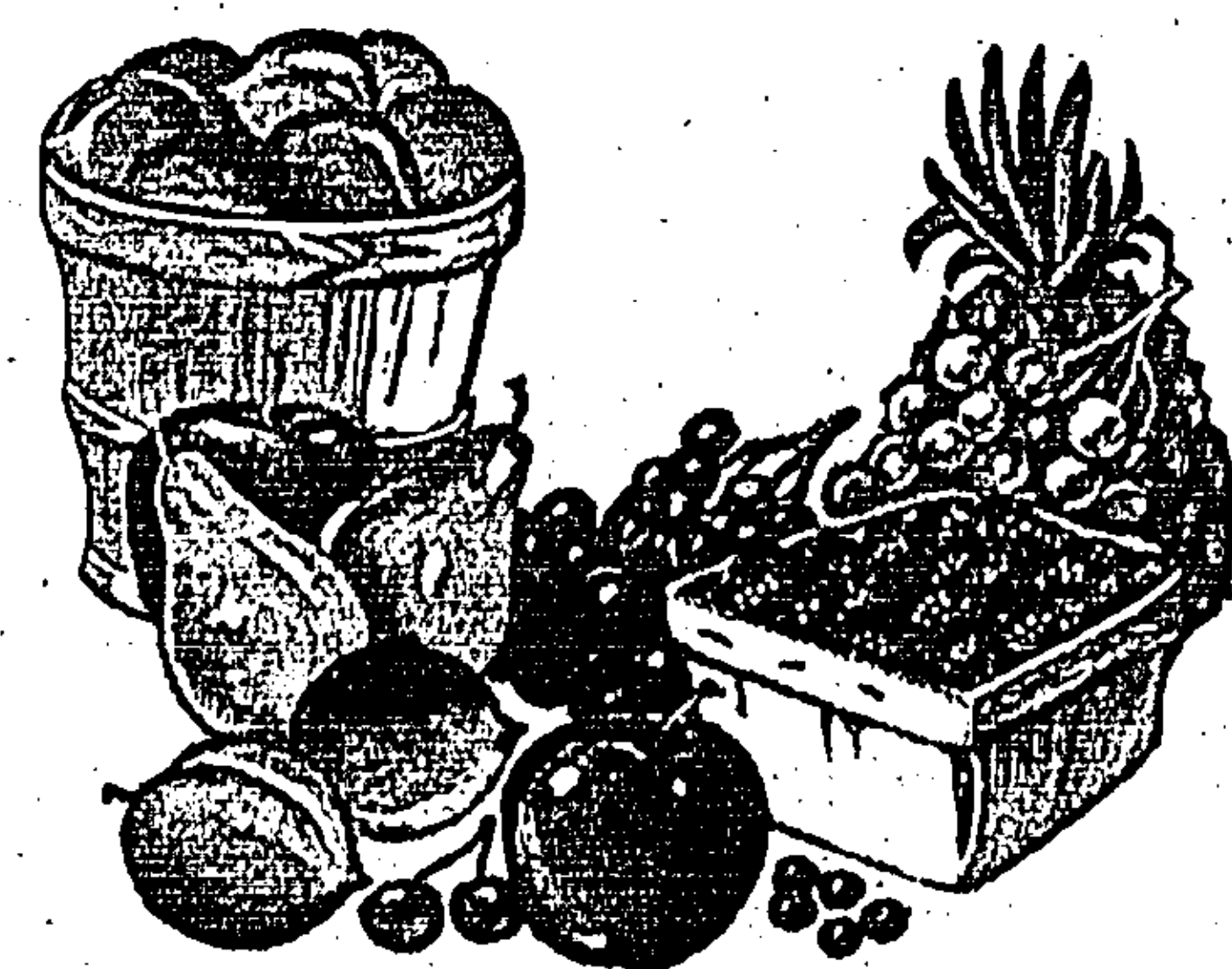
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

END OF THE SEASON REVIEW

Kowloon Worthy Winners Of Senior Title: Junior Play-Off Not Likely

AND SO WE COME to the end of another season. It is always a sad occasion to those of us who are getting on in years. To the young men it merely means a pause before they can get on to improve their game. In view of what has happened since September 3 last, I think, that the cricketers in the Colony can congratulate themselves on having kept the game alive.

It has been a scrappy season. It had to be. With practically all players doing Military work as well as their own civil jobs, the full teams could not be turned out regularly. We have managed to run the League in a reasonably satisfactory way.

On the whole Kowloon Cricket Club are very well deserved winners of the Senior Shield. There has not perhaps been any brilliant cricket, but one point which strikes me particularly is the excellent showing which the Army have made.

Experience over more seasons than I care to think about teaches me that an enormous amount depends on whether the Army have a keen and good cricketer who has sufficient time to look after the administration. Major Grosse is definitely among our finest cricketers here, and he has done great things for Army cricket. He has, moreover, been a tower of strength in arranging certain Free Foresters' games, which have substituted in a great measure the various Services' matches which have been impossible owing to the far flung distributions of H. M. Navy.

Junior League

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE has, so far as I know at present, ended in a tie between the I.R.C. and Police. I know that the utmost efforts were made to find a neutral ground to play off this on Saturday last. Unfortunately, owing to the beginning of the bowls season a ground could not be found. I have no information as to whether or not another attempt will be made.

In view of the weather and the late date I fear it is somewhat unlikely that this match can be played. There are, however, precedents for the Shield being shared. To be quite frank I think that the Police would be likely to win a play-off, but that is merely an opinion.

A Final Match

I GIVE the Civil Service 2nd eleven full marks for having struggled on to complete their final match in the programme. They tie with the Army for sixth place, but admittedly the Army have two more games in hand which will not be played, and, therefore, the Civil Service can only claim to be seventh.

They finished their season with a very excellent win against Cranleigh who are two places above them in the table.

For Cranleigh, the two opening batsmen, Hanson (44) and Locke (20) made a very fine opening, but after that no-one could do anything against the bowling of Atwell, whose figures were 5-3-0-25-7. Atwell took 3 for 18 going on second change and backed him up finely.

The Civil Service lost a couple of cheap wickets but Atwell came nobly into the breach and knocked up 44 and A. Watson, made 24 and the runs were hit off alright. P. Crawley, a veteran standby of the side, made 17 thereafter. I am very pleased at Atwell's success. He has had a hard job as a Cricket representative this season.

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WONG AND GILLIES WIN BADMINTON TITLES

Tournament Tennis

Tsuis Easy Doubles Victory

Remedios And Gonsalves Beaten In Semi-Final

(By "Tinker")

THE TSUI BROTHERS, present tennis doubles champions, made their way into the final of this year's tournament when they beat J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios with ease by 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 on the Hongkong Cricket Club stand court yesterday.

Gonsalves chose the wrong day to be off form, and while his partner was somewhat better, the opposition was far from being sufficient to extend the Chinese pair. Right from the commencement of the first set, the Tsuis began picking holes in the opposite defence, and scored with seeming great ease down the centre and side-lines.

Tsui Yun-pui was the central figure of the court. His smooth production of strokes and his accuracy eclipsed that of his brother. Particularly prominent was his short backhand shot in the forecourt which almost always found his opponent helplessly out of position.

Remedios brought off one or two very nice volleys, and his sharp angled shots caught Tsui Wai-pui unprepared on several occasions. The latter was particularly weak in his serving. He served altogether six times, and lost four of the games, one a love-game.

In the second set, Remedios abandoned caution for hard hitting, and it was not a false move. The Recreation pair gained more points in this set than in the other two combined. But there was no doubt as to the ultimate result.

To-day's Programme

The other doubles semi-final will be played this afternoon, when E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung meet S. A. Ramjahn and H. D. Ramjahn.

Disappointing Display By N.L. Smith

(By "Tinker")

WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED the surprise of the evening at the Club de Recreo yesterday was the victory of H. Gillies over N. L. Smith in the Junior Badminton Singles final, and in the senior final it appeared that there was to be a second surprise when C. Au took the first game off Patrick H. Wong. During and after the second game, however, there was little doubt as to who was to be the senior champion.

The Scores

SENIOR SINGLE
P. H. Wong beat C. Au 8-15, 15-8, 15-2.

JUNIOR SINGLE
H. Gillies beat N. L. Smith 15-12, 15-1.

Eastern's Final Triumph

Yco-La Salle Combined Beaten 3-0

MANILA, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Eastern Athletic eleven defeated a strong combination of Yco and La Salle College last night by 3 goals to nil, thus finishing their invasion with five victories and one defeat.

Determined to avenge their sole defeat at the hands of Yco, the Hongkong team attacked with whirlwind pace, and scored twice in the first half.

The local combination made dangerous incursions into the Chinese team's territory, but the Chinese defence proved impenetrable. In the second half the local eleven unleashed a terrific attack, but again met a stonewall defence.

A CLIMAX

AS A CLIMAX to a brilliant counter attack Lee Tack-kee took advantage of a bad position by the local goalie and shot the final goal.

The second half was featured by rough play on both sides. Lee Tack-kee was injured in the nose in the last few minutes, and had to retire.

A beautiful trophy was presented to the Hongkong team after the game, and the victors will be leaving for Hongkong by Clipper to-day.

Surprising Opening

THE OPENING GAME of the senior match was also surprising. C. Au showed a very pleasing mastery over all kinds of shots. He disguised his short drops almost perfectly, and on nearly all occasions left Wong standing perplexed. His skilful and cunning control over the flight of the shuttle put him well above his opponent in this game, and had he been able to continue in that form there would have been no third game.

It was noticeable, though, that Wong was falling with his smashes by the merest margin, and it was not so very surprising, therefore, in the second and third games, when he found touch and scored repeatedly with similar shots to those that Au had been producing in the first game.

STAMINA

THERE was, too, the question of stamina. Wong bore the strain of the strenuous match much better than Au. Wong fully deserved the second game, but after ten minutes rest, when the players returned to the court for the third game, it was problematic whether Au had been able to recover.

The opening exchanges conveyed nothing, but after a few minutes Wong took command again and was leading 5-1, then 8-2 and 11-2. At this stage he was superb at the net, smashing all that came his way, and against this front, Au's clearing shots were made to appear weak.

Scottish Regional Soccer

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Scottish Regional Football Leagues to-day:

WESTERN

Airdrie 3 Queen's Park 3
Third Lanark 0 Rangers 1

even, but the Federation side were seen to tire. Their passages were getting wilder and there was an element of luck in their leading again at the end of the quarter. The Federation forwards were given many opportunities and made the most of them. Chan Chai-chun scored a nice back shot and Miss Lee Shun-yeo one from under the basket.

The visitors replied with several fouls. The third quarter ended with the Federation still leading by one point, 25 to 24.

FAULTY SHOOTING

IN THE LAST quarter the Federation seemed to have spent themselves and were only able to add four more to their score. The visitors appeared refreshed and broke through with apparent ease, and only fully shooting saved the Federation from a heavier defeat.

Visiting Girl Basketballers Gain Second Victory In Hongkong

THE CHUNG HWA GIRLS' Basketball team gained their second victory when they defeated a Chinese Federation side 33 points to 29 yesterday, in an exceedingly fast and thrilling encounter, marked by some excellent long shot scoring. The game was played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. before a capacity crowd. Proceeds are for the Chinese Wounded and Refugees.

Miss Alice Chen, captain of the visitors, was again to the fore for her side with an excellent performance. She scored 21 points (five goals and 11 fouls). Three of her goals scored were clean shots through the basket and at 30 feet range. Miss Cary Ong excelled under the basket and was the next top scorer for the visitors. Her tally was four goals.

For Hongkong, the Misses Lau Sau-kwong and Chan Chai-chun were seen to advantage, each scoring five goals for their side. Hongkong's defenders could not keep pace with the fast forwards of the visitors and their stamina gave towards the close when a number of fouls were committed.

STRONG OPENING

THE VISITORS opened strongly, and sprang into a 9-5 lead in the first quarter. They attacked from the whistle, and within a few seconds Miss Victoria Tam culminated a fine passing movement to open with a goal scored from a difficult angle. Miss Alice Chen increased this lead

seconds later scoring from a foul. The game waxed fast and furious, and Miss Chen scored despite being overguarded. She brought the tally up to 6-0 from the foul. Miss Josefa Go was pulled up for striking, and Miss Lau Sau-kwong opened for the Federation.

MISS CARLY ONG increased the visitors' lead with a nice goal. Chinese Federation sobered up and Miss Lee Chun-yeo passed to Miss Lau for the latter to score. Manila called time out. Miss Suen Yuk-ming attempted to break through, and was pulled up. Miss Alice Chen converted.

Miss Lee Shun-yeo passed to Miss Lau for the latter to score on the run. The score for the first quarter was nine points to five.

HONGKONG took the lead in the second quarter when the visitors' guards seemed unable to hold them. Miss Lau Shiu-ping came in for Miss Chan Wai-hing.

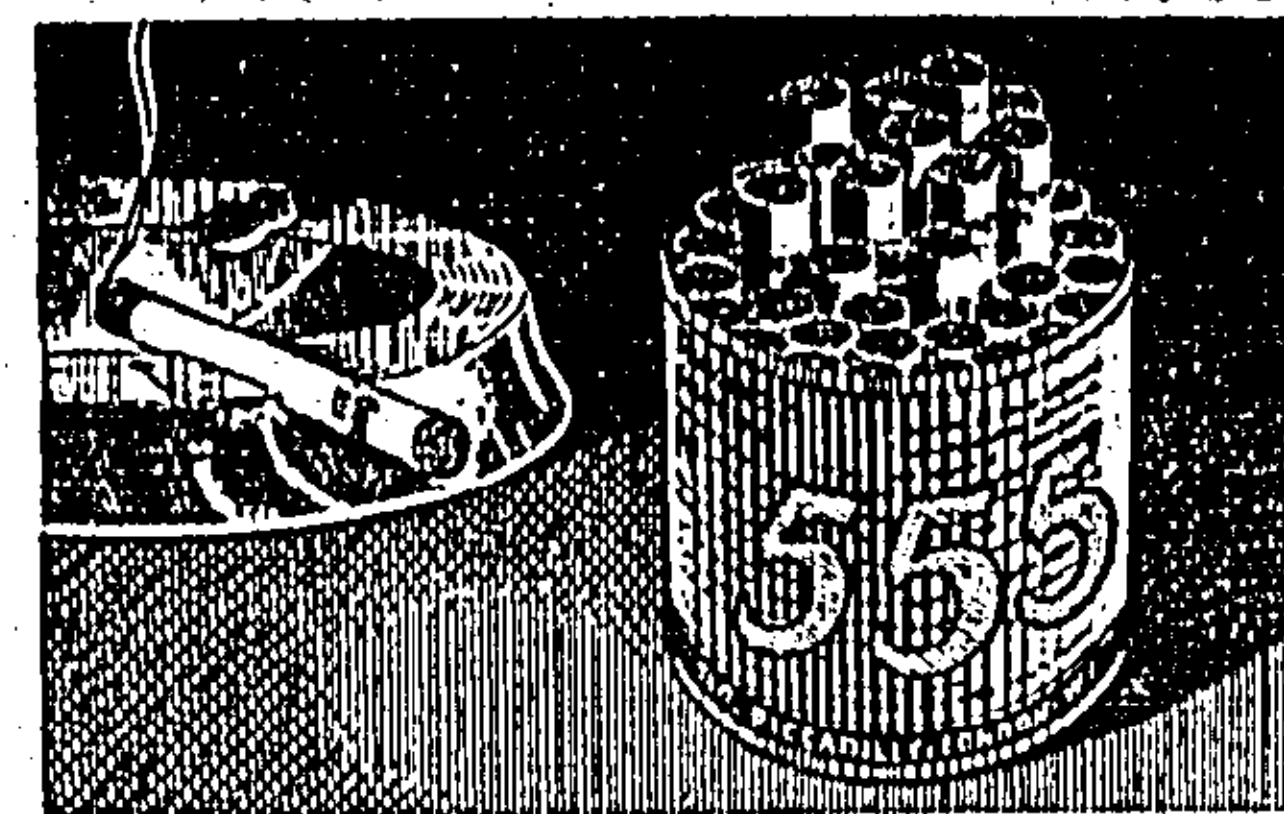
Miss Cary Ong eluded Miss Suen to score for the visitors with a nice shot. The Federation replied, but the goal over-ran, and a foul awarded which was missed. How-

ever, Miss Lee Shun-yeo soon after scored despite being hampered by Miss Go. Miss Ong replied almost immediately, while Miss Chen followed this with a nice foul goal. Miss Chan Chai-chun scored a lovely goal with her back facing the basket and Miss Lee added one more soon after.

The Federation missed several opportunities to go ahead then, the ball spinning round the rim of the basket and falling out. Miss Chen again scored from a foul for pushing. Miss Lau Shun-kwong scored a nice clean shot from long range, which brought forth a round of applause for an excellent try. The same player scored again from over guarding.

A CHANGE
MISS GO had four personal fouls chalked against her and although allowed to carry on sportingly declined for her team mate Miss Lillian Kwok. This change weakened the visitors' defence somewhat, and the Federation side were allowed a freer hand in front of the visitors' goal.

Miss Lee Shun-yeo and Miss Chan Chai-chun added to the Federation's score and the quarter ended with the Federation leading the score being 20 as against the visitors' 17. The third quarter was a little more



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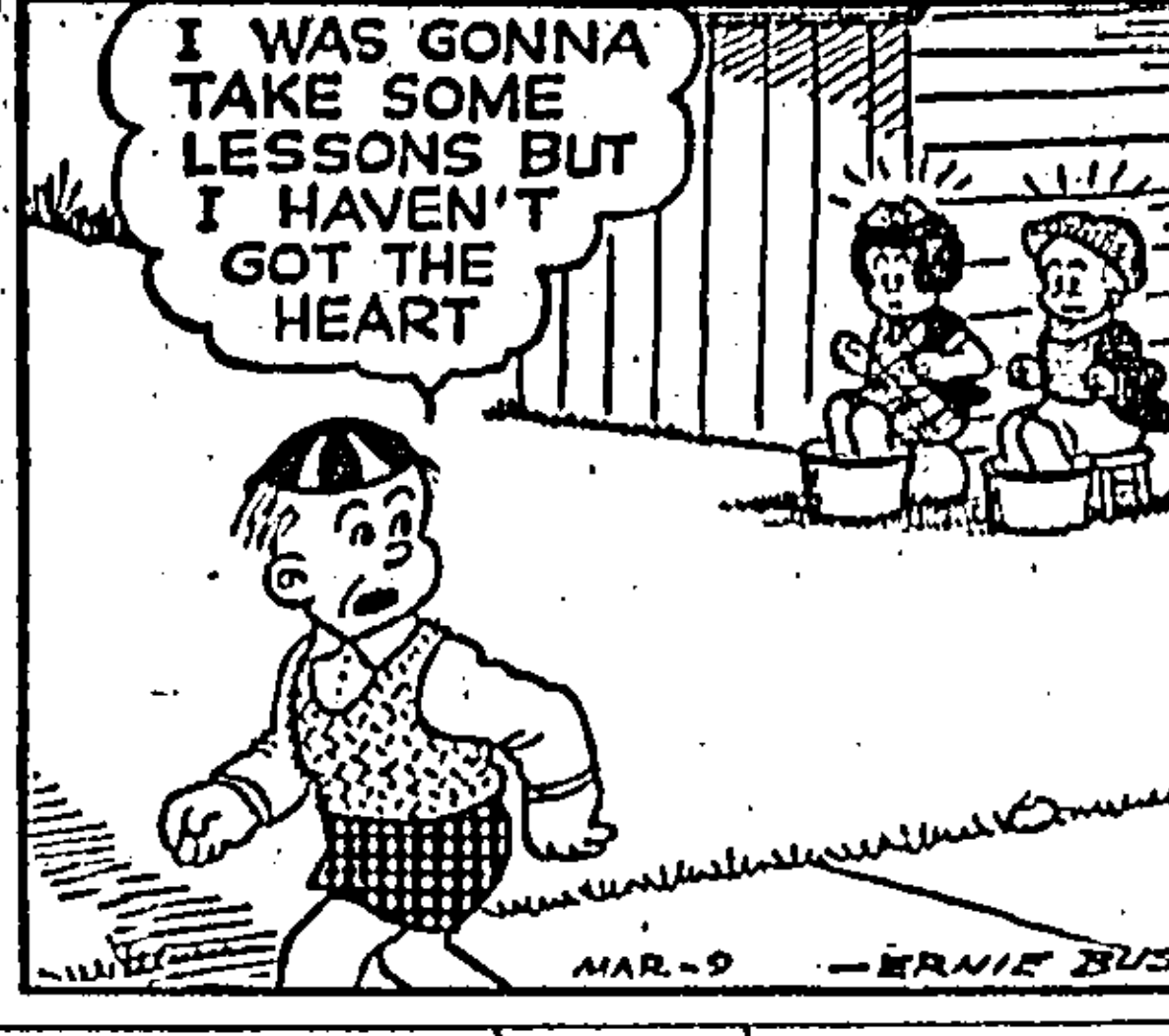
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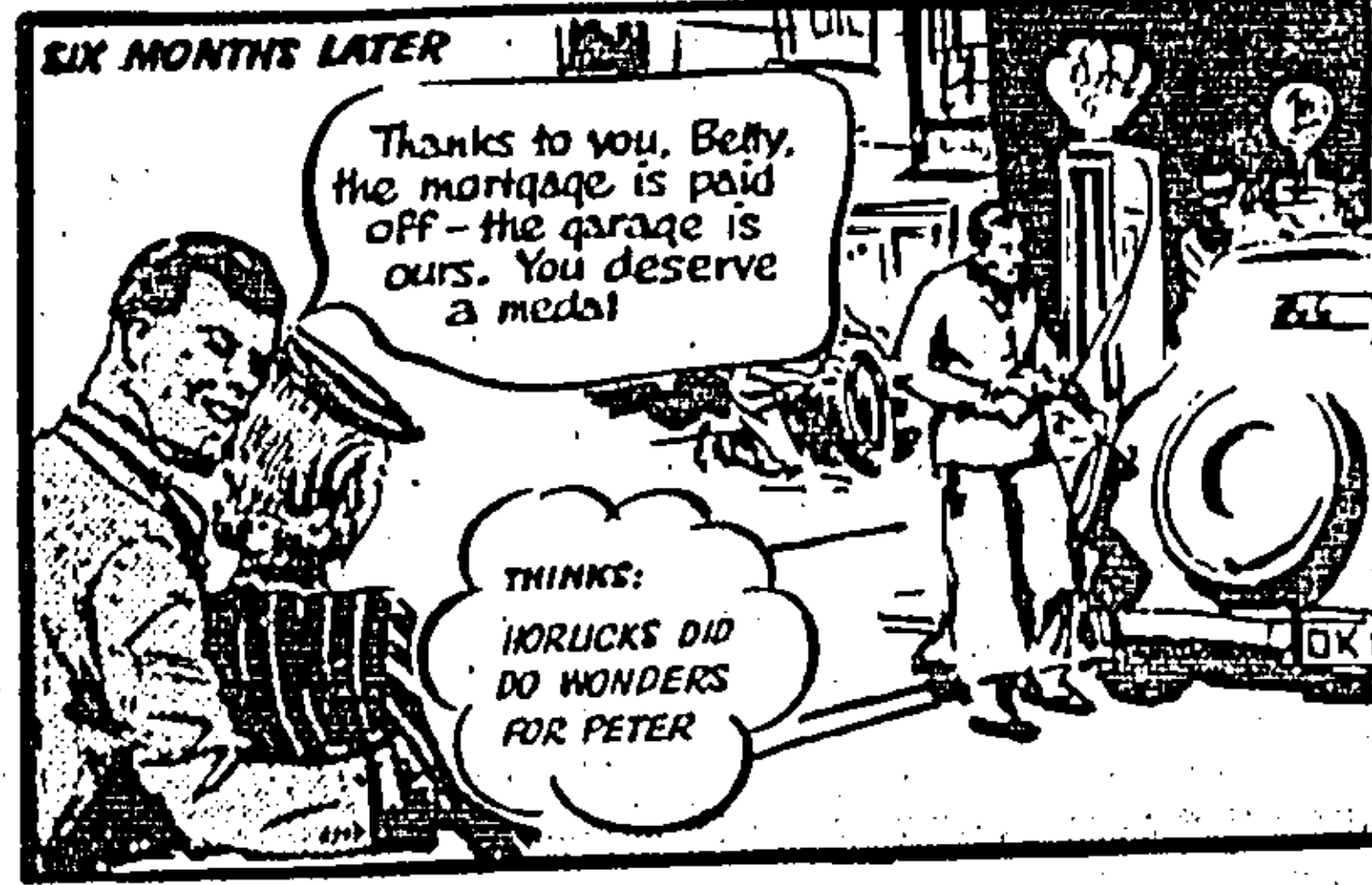
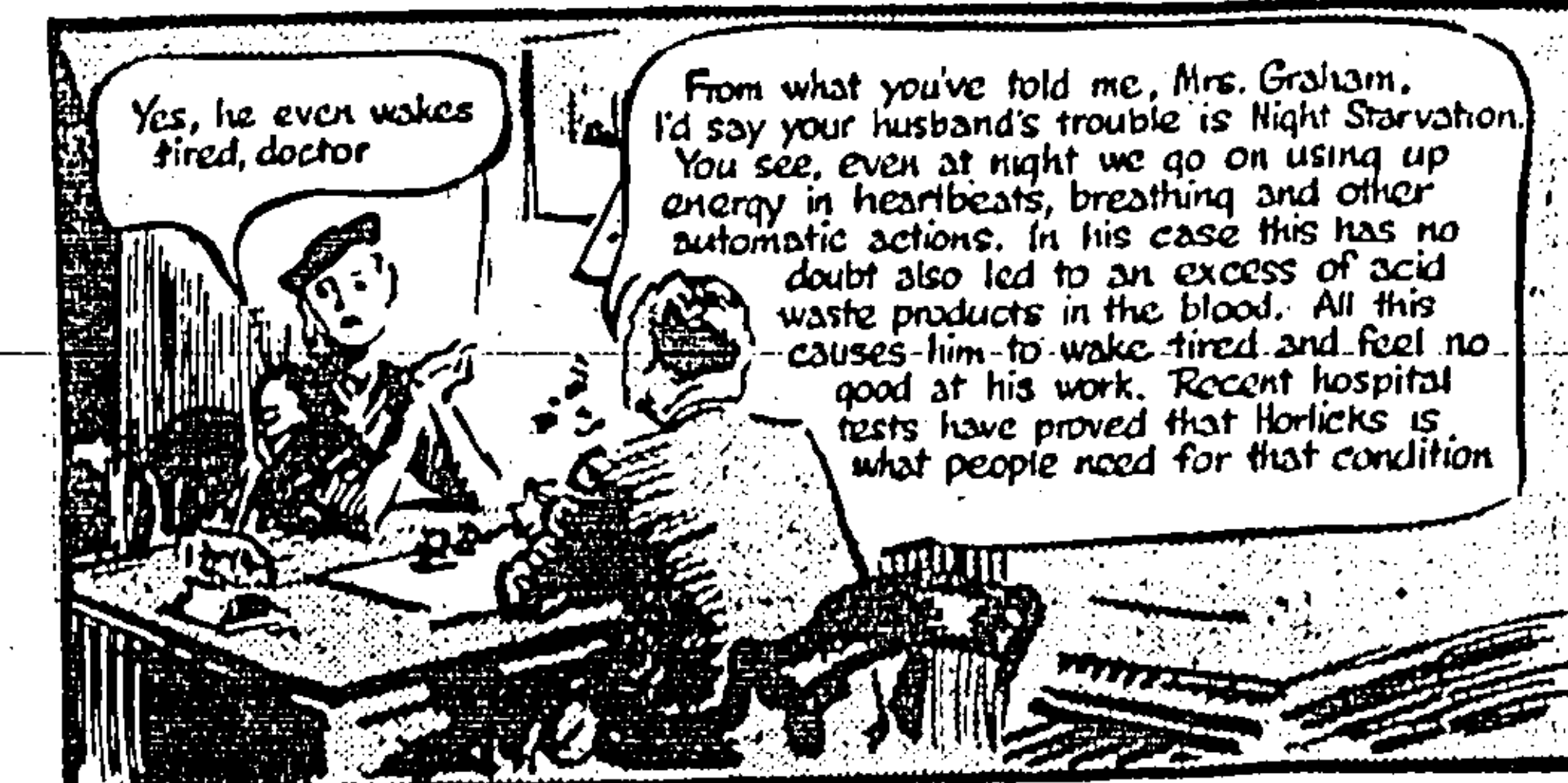
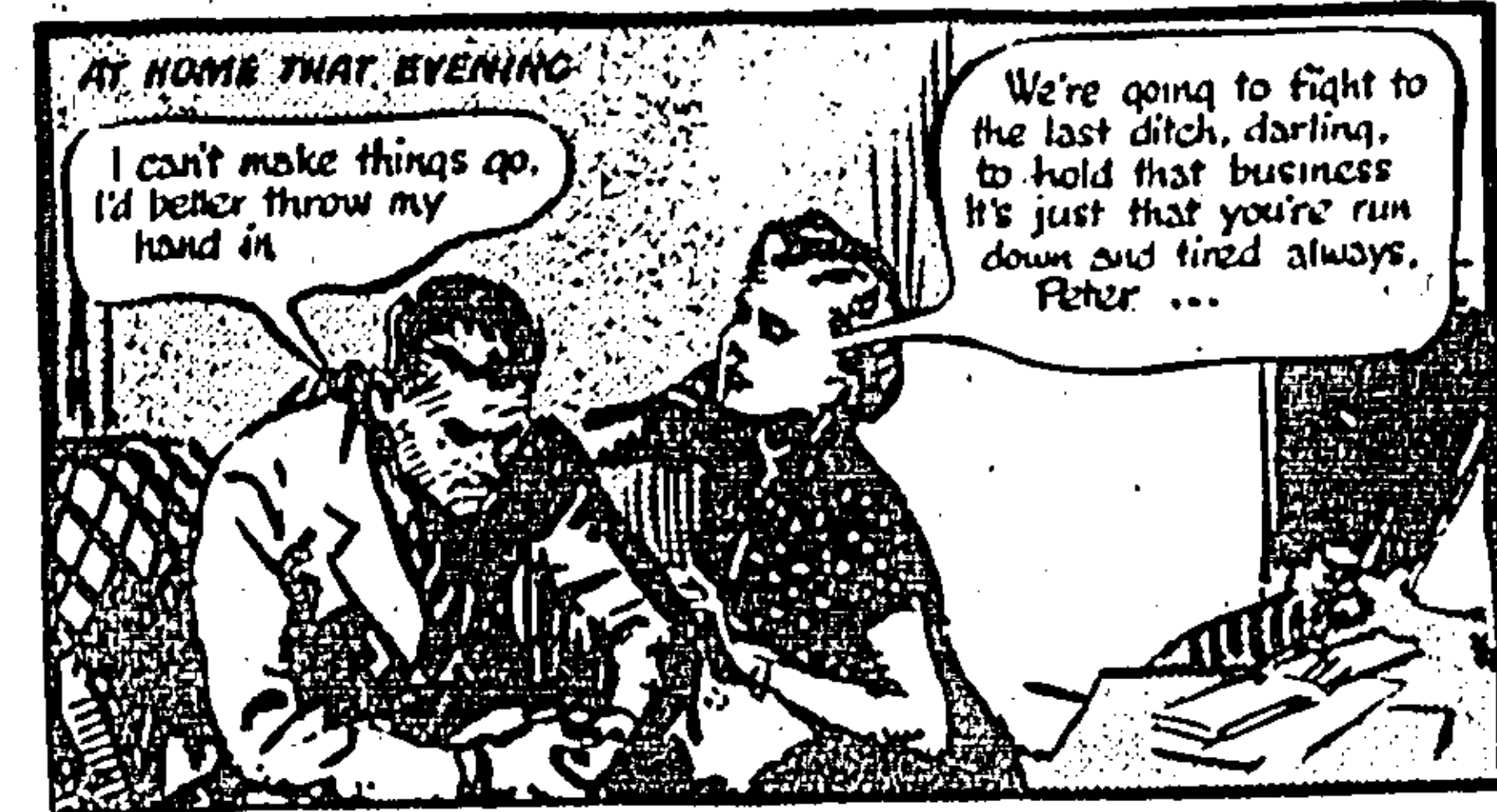
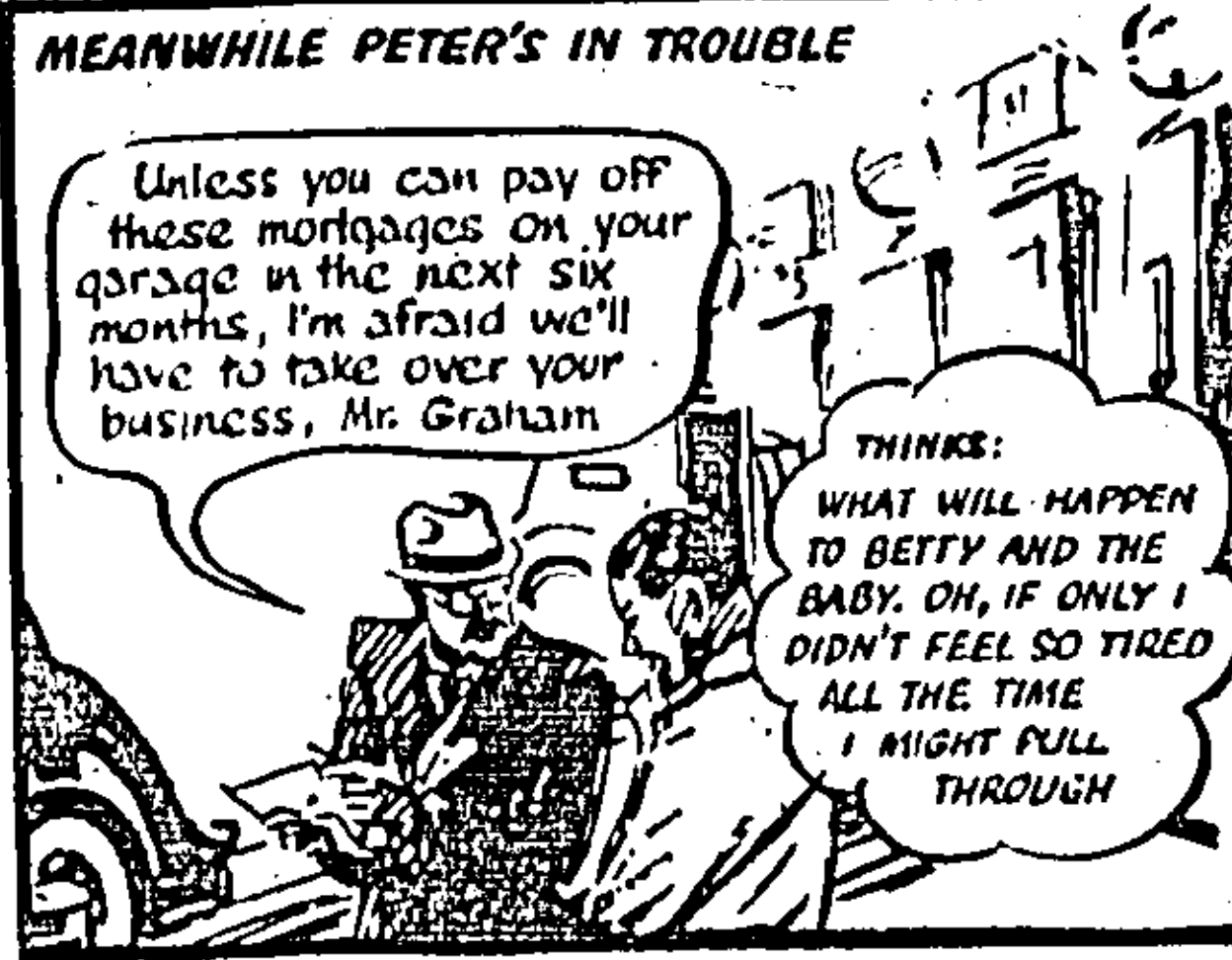
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Sportsmen Tour Australia To Aid China

(Special to the "Telegraph")

A HONGKONG YOUTH, 21-year-old R. B. ("Rusty") Fedoseyeff, formerly aircraft engineer with China Air Motive Ltd., and star pitcher in the C. B. A. softball team, is now leading an original cycling expedition across the Australian Continent.

With the sanction of the Chinese Consul-General in Australia, and working in close collaboration with the Australian Chinese, "Rusty's" fellow companions, 20-year-old A. J. ("Toby") Gavriloff and 21-year-old J. C. Smith, a former Shanghai policeman--form a determined trio on a special mission.

"Help 'China Win'," this message is written on the backs of black shirts of these three young men, who left Perth early last month to cross Australia on push-bikes with the intention of helping Australians to understand sympathetically the nature of the Chinese struggle with Japan.

Fedoseyeff and Gavriloff are men without a country--White Russians whose parents fled to China during the Russian Revolution. All three spent most of their lives in Shanghai. They expect that their ride across the Continent will take them from six weeks to two months. Promoting China's cause, they lecture, broadcast and write articles for newspapers and magazines as they travel. When their long Odyssey is over they intend to collaborate in writing a book.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AIR FORCE. The trio came to Western Australia recently with the idea of joining the R. A. A. F., but Fedoseyeff and Gavriloff are not eligible, because they are not British subjects. Then they struck upon the idea of doing something in Australia to help China--the country which sheltered them for twenty years. "China has been very good to us," said "Rusty," "and we feel that we will be repaying a small part of the debt."

Up to date we had about six radio broadcasts, 25 newspaper write-ups, three stage appearances, and four open air appearances. Most of all this in Perth. And Gavriloff, talks sponsored by Dunlop, etc. Have pedalled approximately 500 miles in the last ten days, taking our time and spending a day or so in the big towns that we pass through.

"We're in the middle of the gold mining district of Australia now, about 80 miles south of Kalgoorlie in W. Australia. After another 80 miles of southward progress, we are turning east and will have about 1,800 miles of desert before we reach Adelaide. Then we push on to Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. The people have treated us so well that their hospitality has cut down our speed a good 30%."

RADIO TALKS. Hoping to reach Sydney in about six weeks, they expect to talk over the national radio hookup in Melbourne, as well as give radio broadcasts at points in between. Although they will visit the Chinese communities in the capital cities and larger towns to raise funds for China, they will not attempt to collect en route. Gavriloff has received offers of employment in Perth to induce him to stay there. A noted swimmer, the best ever to have competed in the Far East, he holds all the Chinese aquatic records from 50 to 800 yards, and has competed at Shanghai against Jack Medlen, J. C. Smith is also an old boy of St. Xavier's in Shanghai.

CONSEQUENCES OF WAR. IN their propaganda tour, they will attempt to point out the causes underlying the Sino-Japanese War, and the consequences to Australia and the

rest of the world of a Japanese victory. Their trip has been sponsored by some bicycle manufacturers, and they have been presented with cycles and full equipment by W. J. Lucas, Ltd.,

POLICE AND MACAO DRAW AT HOCKEY

MACAO, Apr. 21.--There was many a thrilling moment in the hockey match played here this afternoon when the team of the Hongkong Police encountered Macao's First Eleven, and a large crowd turned out to witness a drawn game. The score was one-all.

During the first half, Macao's forwards were well into enemy territory the greater part of the time and play was punctuated by no less than six short corners and two long corners awarded against the Police, who were evidently unused to the turf. There seemed to be a perfect understanding among the local forwards who were repeatedly dangerous.

Individually, the visiting defenders acquitted themselves satisfactorily, while in their attack they displayed skill. Macao drew blood on the ninth minute, before the interval and the Police evened the score on the ninth minute before the final whistle. Macao shuffled positions before the start of play, Costa going to centre-forward and Fred Nolasco taking inside-right instead of their usual positions. The local side held Trigo Silva, G. Silva, F. Rosario, and A. Basto of the 2nd Team, and the resistance was just as stubborn as Macao has ever displayed.

CHANCES MISSED. EARLY on bully-off, F. Rosario at outside-left broke through twice but missed two chances. Costa who had been working like a Trojan, brought the ball well up and while Man Singh fumbled, Fred Nolasco was through at top speed and from an awkward left angle put the ball well beyond Balwant Singh and between the posts.

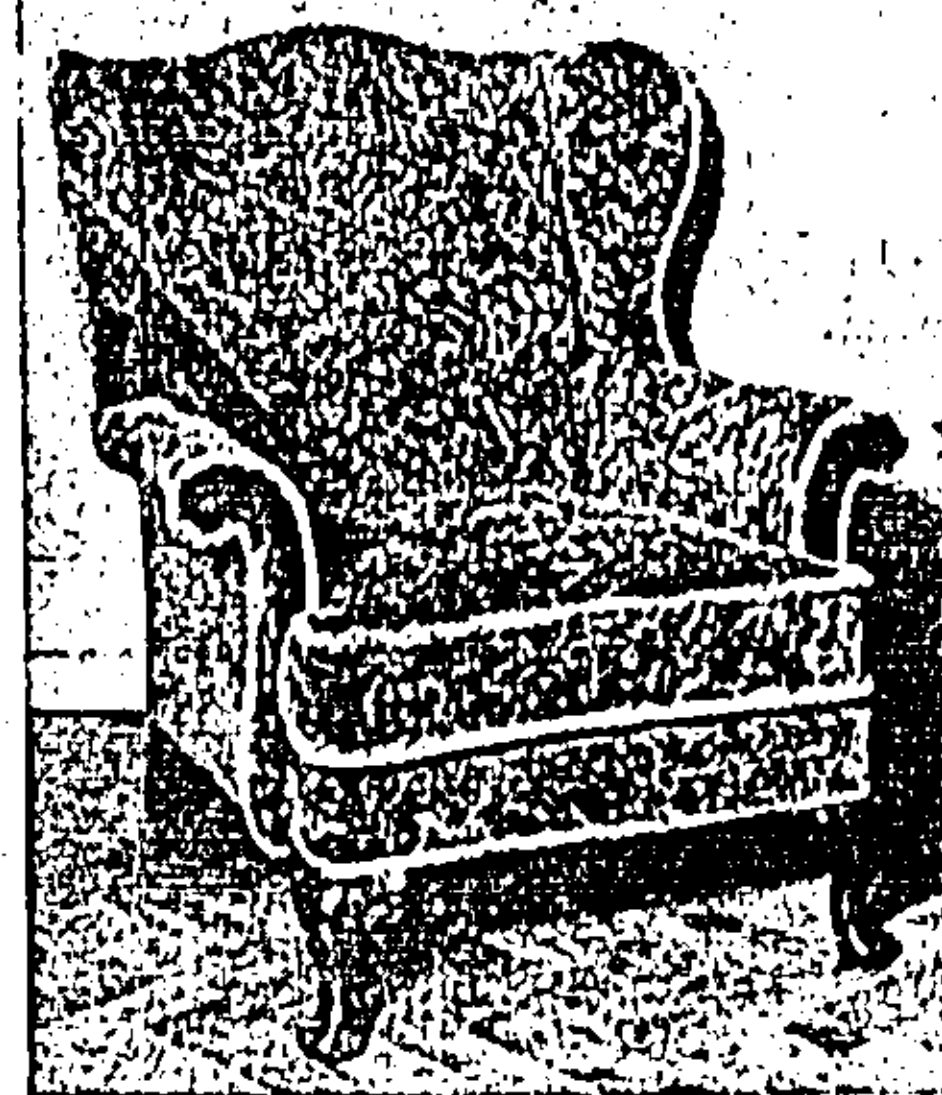
The Police were seen to better advantage during the second half when the game took on an even faster pace. Fauja Singh was very effective at outside-right passing to centre after several hard struggles. Parker gave valuable support, but was unfortunate to lose a chance, and Wall all but scored.

A well-directed shot by R. Angelo would have augmented the local score but Balwant Singh anticipated perfectly. Brown marked G. Silva and Fred Nolasco, who worked in fine combination on Macao's right flank, and Wall did his full share of work but was unlucky when he had only Basto and Almada to beat. Alex Afrosa exhibited stick-work of a "class," and after a pretty sold raid was very unlucky to slip over before the Police goal mouth.

THE EQUALISER. THE POLICE secured their equaliser when a long pass by Fauja Singh from the right found Jasbir Singh ready on the uptake. Almada ran out to meet the attacker, but the centre-forward worked past him with amazing speed. Basto hastily retreated to cover the goal's position but the well-aimed shot by Jasbir Singh put the issue beyond doubt.

Hongkong Police.--Balwant Singh; Man Singh, Blackburn; Leslie, Mehar Singh, Brown (Capt.); Fauja Singh, Wall, Jasbir Singh, Parker, Narwant Singh. Macao.--Almada; Rigoberto Rosario, A. Basto; J. Trigo-Silva, Alex Afrosa, Santos Ferreira; Fred Nolasco, Gustavo Silva, L. Costa, Reinald Angelo, Fernand Rosario. Our Own Correspondent.

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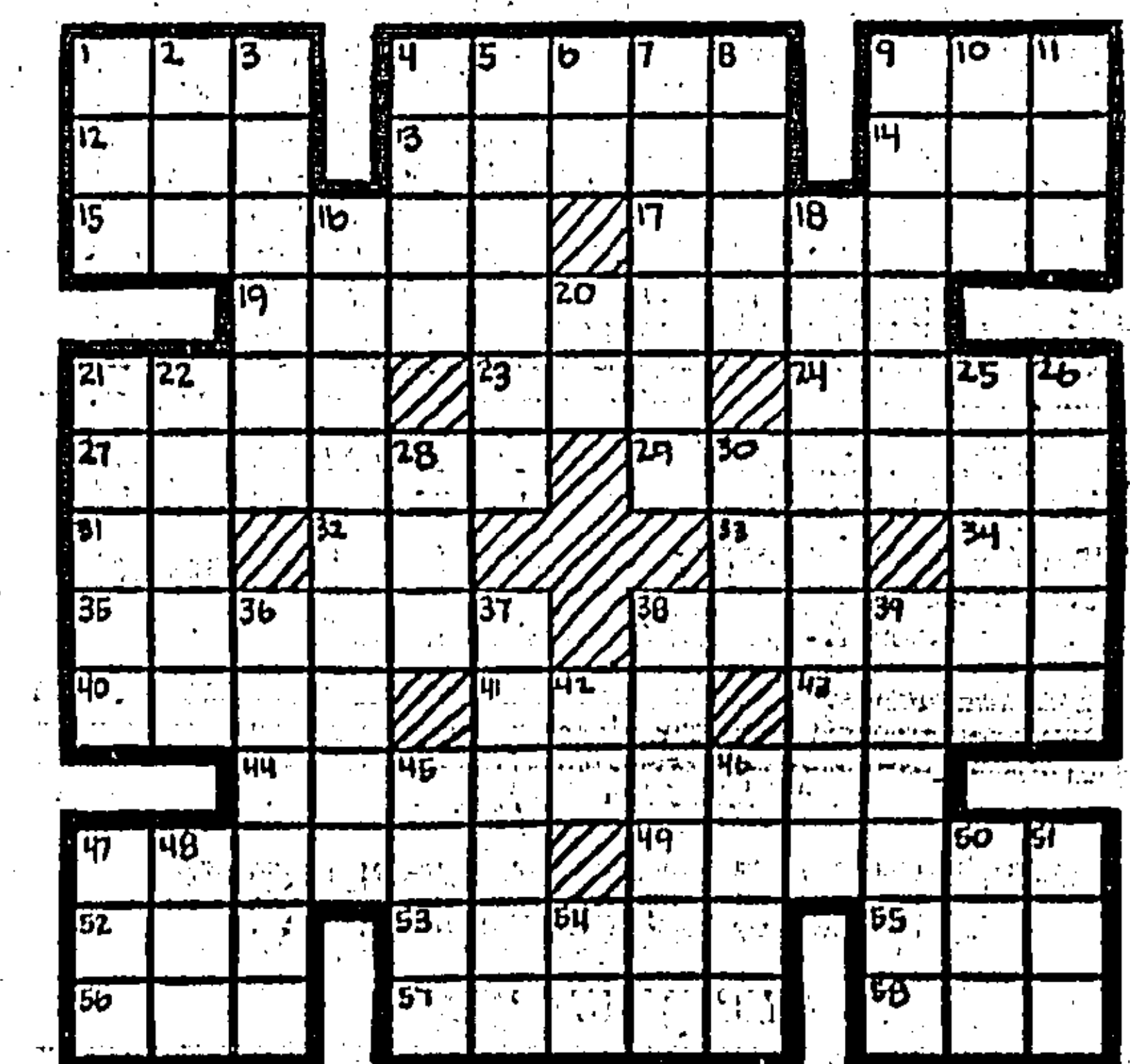
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS
1--French coin
4--Paired
9--Sudden vibration
12--Possess
13--Love
14--Raw metal deposit
15--Western state
16--Soured
19--Large mammal of Africa
21--Covering of face
23--Unit of decimal system
24--Western state
25--Assigns to
26--Zin mine
27--Father
28--Toward vicinity of
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DUKE OF WINDSOR SEES VASTLY STRENGTHENED LINES IN B.E.F. SECTOR

By PHILIP JORDAN

"News Chronicle" Correspondent with the B.E.F.

FRANCE.
MILITARY policemen stood at every corner past which the Duke of Windsor drove on his tour of the Front to-day, ensuring him a rapid passage through the British sector.

Not since the King was here have such elaborate traffic arrangements been made as those in force this morning; and the only noticeable difference between the two visits was the absence of long lines of troops from the roadside.

Few, indeed, seemed to expect the Duke, for only at corners where traffic arrangements are sufficiently complicated to demand the presence of several men did any crowds gather. Most of them were made up of children.

The Duke of Windsor lunched with the Welsh Guards, inspected an R.A.F. headquarters to which all members of the Auxiliary Air Force are now attached, and also toured part of our forward area.

It has altered beyond recognition since he was last in this area; and had become even more formidable than it was only six weeks ago when the front first began to hammer work. Behind the front line reserves have now been fully developed; and they present both anti-tank obstacles and co-ordinated firepower, potentialities beyond anything dreamed of in the last war.

With divisional experts I made a first tour of some of these reserves this morning; and their layout and construction in every evidence of shrewd and skilful planning.

Pill-Boxes

Driving through the countryside in normal times one would imagine it to be as flat as a billiard table; but when one sees the result of the precise and accurate surveying that has been done the little ridges and the minute rise and fall of the countryside are suddenly as clear as though they were mountain ranges.

Every slope has been exploited to the best possible limit, and there is no possible sign of advantage on which a thick concrete pillbox theoretically capable of resisting considerable bombardment has not sprung up with mushroom-like rapidity.

At first sight it seems as though each of these pillboxes had appeared haphazard, but in fact, each one is an integral part of its neighbour's defences, and although they are by no means close together, they form, as a whole, a continuous defensive line of some strength.

Lord Gort has recently returned from a thorough inspection of our sector of Maginot Line. Apart from the usual slight artillery activity nothing marked the peace of his visit.

Seamen Vow 'We Shall Never Forget'

Italian Victims of Nazis

WEeping unrestrainedly, Italian seamen clustered about the open graves of two of their shipmates in Great Yarmouth and vowed: "Francesco and Salvatore, we shall never forget you. We shall never forget this wicked attack."

Francesco Trotta and Salvatore Spennato were killed when the Italian steamer *Amelia Laura* was bombed and set on fire by a Nazi plane in the North Sea.

A VOW

A Roman Catholic priest conducted their funerals in Latin and in English. Their comrades sprinkled earth on the coffins, then an officer stepped forward and, in Italian, called on them to make their vow.

Addressing them passionately, he declared: "Here were two men in the prime of their lives; one a husband and a father, the other young and robust. They have been killed by a wicked attack. We will never forget it."

FAMINE IN CHINA People Living On Tree Bark

Peking.
Reports from Central Hopei state that famine conditions exist there. The people are living on tree bark and even earth, which is causing many deaths. Peasants are uprooting wheat stalks, thus spoiling the spring crop.

Somehow or other the people will have to live without garnering any fresh crop until September.

Migrations are being made from some districts.

The position is made more desperate by the fact that the peasants have no reserves of food-stuffs, these having been commandeered either by Chinese guerrilla forces or by the Japanese forces.

LATE NEWS

NURSE MAY WED SON OF PRESIDENT

New York.
THE name of James Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's eldest son, who has obtained a divorce, suit at Los Angeles, is being linked romantically with that of a young nurse who attended him during his critical operation last year.

The nurse is a small town publican's daughter—Romelle Theresa Schneider, aged twenty-four.

Romelle is of German-American stock, and a Roman Catholic. Last year she left Independence, Wisconsin, for a nursing career at the famous Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

There she was appointed nurse to James Roosevelt, wealthy heir to the first family in the land. He underwent critical operations, and the constant care of him, dark-haired Nurse Schneider helped him to pull through.

Befriended Family

When he recovered young Roosevelt went to Hollywood to start a film-producing career. Nurse Schneider accompanied him, and they have been seen together at smart social functions.

Friends of the Schneider family in Independence to-day told how Jimmie, as they call Roosevelt, befriended members of Romelle's family, paying for their removal to Eastern America.

"Jimmie did it all," they said.

Jimmie also made Romelle's sister Rhylis his secretary.

Romelle's father died a few years ago.

Mrs. James Roosevelt said to-day she had filed a counter-suit to her husband's divorce.

When the divorce is final will Romelle become Roosevelt's bride? All America is asking this to-day.

WAR BUDGET PLANS Simon to Give Long Speech To Commons

London, Apr. 22.
Sir John Simon will open the first full war budget in the House of Commons to-morrow. In view of the importance of Britain's financial position and plans for financing the war, it is expected that Sir John Simon's speech will last nearly two hours.

It is understood that the Premier will not make a war statement.—Reuter.

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WHITEAWAY'S



MOSCOW, Apr. 22 (UP).—The Moscow Radio to night announced that the Soviet naval exercises have begun at Vindivostok, in which Soviet bombing planes are participating.

In addition, naval exercises are being carried out in the Black Sea.

Mr. H. G. McNary, of the American Banknote Company, has received a telegram stating that Mr. George H. Lynott has been appointed a Vice-President and that Mr. McNary has been appointed Far Eastern Manager. Mr. Lynott will leave for Shanghai to-morrow.

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Further Late News**

MAGAZINE PAGE

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I wish you'd stop that shagging long enough to let the custard set!"

Something about YOU

WHEN the war started, gloom came over England. It was as though Royalty had died.

Those who wanted to do a show, see a football match or swirl a nifty skirt in the local palaces de danse were unlucky.

Then, quite suddenly, people started having fun again.

And the gurgling, wailing sob of the saxophone and other strains of orchestral instruments split the ceiling plaster once more in the dance haunts of Hammersmith and Tooting.

In fact, at the present rate of progress the dance band musician is doing more to win the war than 75 per cent. of the young men in battle-dress.

On what authority can I make such an assertion?

Where do we get these ideas? They come from a new book called "War Begins at Home," published by Chatto and Windus at 6d., and compiled by the many spies who belong to the organisation Mass Observation.

The whole thing is rather like an X-ray photograph of yourself at war.

Chapter Nine of this book records that on the outbreak of war dancing stopped in every big city throughout the country.

It had to. Palais proprietors and social promoters had no choice. They were told to pack up.

But gradually common sense prevailed.

At first the dance halls reopened for brief sessions only.

Then came extended times.

And managers were able to record that they were doing even better than in peacetime.

Britain had begun to dance her way through the war.

In suburban halls, there were dancers who had laid up their cars and taken to bicycles... pedalling their way to rhythm instead of taking it easy in their cars.

In the West End, smart people complained because the faces of famous bands were missing from hotels and restaurants.

They returned.

And the smart set returned to the limelight, too.

On the radio new tunes, topical and haunting, began to make their appearance.

They were different from the jangling, jingling song-hits of 1914-1918.

They were polished, sophisticated, swinging.

Somewhat there was nothing you could roar out in choruses like "Tipperary" and "Pack Up Your Troubles."

But you could DANCE to them and sing the words softly as you danced.

Quite early in the war, you realised we were going to dance our way to Victory.

"We're Going to Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line" has good words, but it has an infinitely better tune... and to swing-conscious young England it's the tune that counts.

There were songs about the black-out, about bringing my soldiers daddy back to me, about Hitler.

The optimism of the saxophone was infectious.

Dance halls advertised forth-coming Victory Balls.

Posters announced "Dancing as usual during alterations in Europe."

"Thank God We've Got a Navy!" was a Great War slogan.

Be thankful, too, for the Army and the R.A.F. But don't forget to be grateful for your dance halls and bands.

Because these are going to play a large part in maintaining the cheerfulness and cool common sense which are essential to our final victory.

P.S.—Other chapters—in—Mass Observation's book deal with—to me—less interesting things!

So if you want to know how you felt when you thought there'd be air raids in September, when your kids were evacuated, when the lights went out... read "War Begins at Home."

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LOVELY LEGS

OF course, it's only the middle of April. But it's no good waiting until the warm weather really comes and then saying: "Good heavens, I must do something about my legs. I can't take them bathing in this condition."

I don't want to be depressing, but by the time you'd get them looking as you'd like them to, it's ten to one that the bathing season—and summer, too, if it's anything like last year's—would be over.

Whereas if you begin to begin to get them into training now the very first time you stroll out, unstockinged, they'll be assets on the personality balance-sheet, instead of liabilities.

And don't forget that legs which are smooth and well-groomed—that's to say, free from scorch-marks, roughness, redness, goose-flesh and hair—even if they're not particularly shapely, hold their own against legs like Mariene Dietrich's if they happen to be blotchy and uncare-for.

If they are too thin, they should be massaged for at least fifteen minutes a day with a flesh-forming cream. The strokes should be long and firm, from ankle to knee.

Fat legs should be wrapped in hot towels for about five minutes before beginning massage. Then sprinkle them thickly with a good talcum powder and massage in the way I've just described.

Massage can be used for both building up flesh and breaking down fat. After about fifteen minutes' treatment, use petrissage—i.e., pinching and rolling the flesh between thumb and forefinger.



THERE is a movement in Scandinavia to encourage Leon Trotsky to find his way into Russia by one of the back doors.

The men of the Northern countries would like to see Trotsky wreak his revenge on his comrade Stalin. They say his eyes flame with hatred at mention of Stalin. He hates the present government of the U.S.S.R. with fiercer bitterness than he hated the regime of the Tsars.

In a sense it may be said that Leon Trotsky—one-time world pariah and famous international publicist of to-day—holds the confidence of the world.

TO-DAY and every day Trotsky is sitting at his piled-up desk in a lonely old house guarded by twelve detectives outside the Villa Hermosa, Mexico.

Great mountains shut in that strange homestead near the Guatemalan border. The man at the desk has dead white hair and beard. He looks tired, but his activity is of the old feverish tempo.

Much of his time is spent in adding yet further chapters to his monumental work, The History of the Russian Revolution. The new chapters reveal the grim intentions, the aspirations and policy of the man who now rules Russia.

Behind Trotsky's desk stands a safe. In that safe are locked papers, which, says the exile, will one day when his book is finished throw a fearful light on Stalin's rise to power.

"Beware of Joseph Stalin, the man with the steel eyes," said Lenin as he lay dying. Lenin dreaded Stalin as his successor more than he dreaded death. He warned Trotsky how the "Man of Steel" might one day enslave the makers of the Russian Revolution.

BUT Trotsky is engaged on something more than plotting Stalin in the world pillory. His net is still world wide. He still wields a peculiar power. Nobody knows what the man at the Villa Hermosa is thinking. He is a sphinx, except to the inner circle of the mysterious Fourth International. Hunted out of every country in Europe and refused a home in

STALIN'S WORST ENEMY

By JUAN RICCI

"Red troops are fighting among themselves, often shooting their commanders and fleeing," say reports from the Finnish Front.

IS LEON TROTSKY, in his Mexican villa, planning counter-revolution?

many others, Trotsky was at last granted a resting place by President Cardenas in the state of Tabasco, chiefly because of its remoteness and inaccessibility.

There he writes for the American Press, adds chapter after chapter to his great history, and occasionally broadcasts to the U.S.A. As for his writings, it was Winston Churchill who said that Trotsky was the best paid writer in the English language.

On his desk stands a microphone normally used as a paper weight which can be hooked up to the American broadcasting chains via telephone cable to Mexico City at a few minutes' notice.

At the time of the famous Moscow trials of the British engineers, Trotsky was to broadcast to all America, denouncing the Soviet rulers. From his desk he spoke fiercely into his microphone, but nobody in the States heard him.

Some mysterious agent had cut the telephone cable to Mexico City. Around Trotsky's study are scores of book shelves and files. Every day an aeroplane delivers letters, books and newspapers, and three correspondents, which he maintains as dictator of the Fourth International, whose adherents are to be found in every quarter of the globe.

The most important of Trotsky's secretaries is a saffron-skinned, bowy dark-haired personage, always addressed as "Smith." He speaks English, Spanish, German, Russian and French with bewildering fluency, so that nobody

knows his true nationality. Though in prosperous circumstances, Mr. Smith looks famished and his burning eyes add to the effect. This one man is the link by code and cipher with the Trotskyists of the world.

If Trotsky ever goes back to Russia, Mr. Smith will be his right-hand man. A room overlooking the garden terrace of the Villa Hermosa is called the "room of souvenirs." Here are stored documents amassed over a period of nearly thirty years of exile.

Besides a number of false passports, used during the Tsarist regime, there is a release warrant in Trotsky's real name, Lew Davidovitch Bronstein.

ALL visitors to the Villa Hermosa are closely examined by the Mexican police.

One fairly frequent visitor is Max Hastman, a painter, whose wife is the sister of none other than Krylenko, who made himself infamous as the People's Commissar for Justice during the series of sensational trials in the Soviet some years ago.

Krylenko signed the death warrants of many of Trotsky's friends. He suddenly disappeared about two years ago and is almost certain to have been "liquidated."

For some time since the death of his son Sedov in Paris Trotsky was convinced that attempts might be made on his life. Lately he has got over his fears.

Nevertheless, in the evening the shutters of his study are closed tightly and no light is to be seen from outside. Trotsky has no wish to be shot while he is at work explaining his part in the Revolution.

BOOKS: by Monica Dickens

This Man Should Be Spanked

GILBERT FRANKAU, who has been deservedly called "A Prince of Story-tellers," was once nicknamed, equally deservedly, by a newspaper columnist, "Gilbert Swan-kau."

He reveals this, among other proofs of a staggering and, one suspects slightly exaggerated, conceit, in his "Self Portrait," a novel of his life (Hutchinson: 10s. 6d.).

The only adjective I can think of to describe this book is "Cheeky." He takes a shameless delight in chronicle, with no sentiment and a great deal of humour, the brazen examples of his devil-may-care egotism.

He forestalls outside criticism by unrepentant self-criticism. "England's most valuable and self-opinionated author," he calls himself, and says that, as a young man, "I could never see any day's point of view but my own," and "My main love, my overwhelming passion, was for myself."

It is almost as if he dared you to like him, at the same time defying you to disapprove. The result is that you do like him, exceedingly, but with a faint feeling that it is neither for his good nor yours that you should.

You feel that if he were your son, you would have spanked him several times during his irresponsible career, but he would probably have taken the wind out of your sails beforehand, by acknowledging and glorying in his naughtiness,



Gilbert Frankau

story-teller has not been betrayed.

Naughtily he certainly is, but he has a way of shocking that makes me feel he could tell a questionable story to an archbishop and get away with it.

He has certainly got away with the rather audacious story of his own life, and the reputation that his books have given him of being a first-class work explaining his part in the Revolution.

There is none of that rather forced reminiscence that makes so many autobiographies so dreary.

Like Frankau's "Peter Jackson" stories, and all his novels, this is what one of his typical characters would call "A rattling good tale," and includes some highly diverting anecdotes of various great men—Kipling, Maugham, Arnold Bennett, Michael Arlen, among others.

My favourite, however, is the saucy account of a verbal fray that he had with H. G. Wells, who, he says, "looked me over as though I were a specimen out of a bottle."

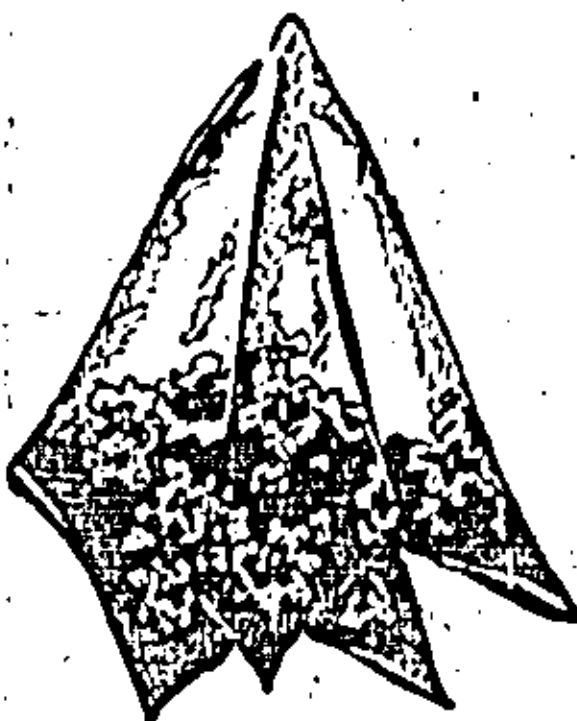
Half way through the book, the thought was forming in my mind: "The man's a cad!" But on the very next page, he managed, by boldly putting my thought into words, to make me completely reverse my verdict.

He overheard one man say to another: "What do you think of young Gilbert?" And he quotes the answer with a glorious roll, as being: "Well, his father" was a gentleman."

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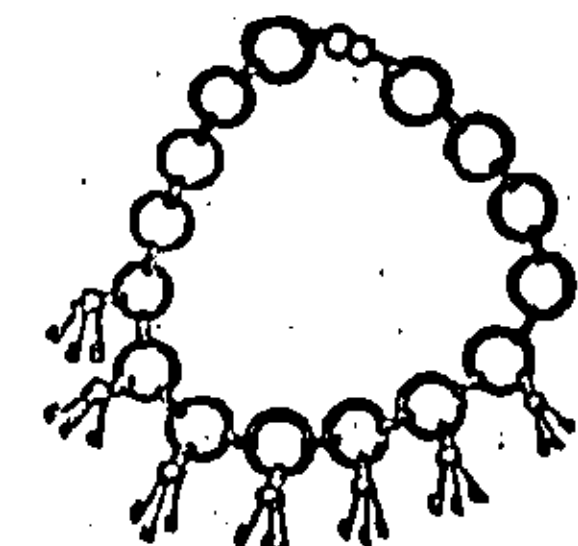
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Sir Neville Henderson — INSTALMENT TWO —

How Hitler planned to win over British opposition to his European plans until he was ready to attack the British Empire is explained to-day. Sir Neville was British Ambassador in Germany from May, 1937, until September, 1939, and in this dramatic story, "My Two Years with Hitler," he is telling, EXCLUSIVELY in the "Hongkong Telegraph," the historic sequence of events that led up to the war.

Yesterday he described his first meetings with Hitler, with the comment, "It was always my fate to find him in a temper." Of Ribbentrop, whose influence on Hitler he described as sinister, he wrote, "History will attribute a large share of the blame for September, 1939, to him."

THE FIRST of my purely personal efforts to improve relations with the Nazi rulers of Germany had been a speech of friendship which I had made at a dinner given to me in May, 1937.

The second was my attendance at the Nuremberg Party rally in September.

No British, French or United States Ambassador had hitherto gone to Nuremberg, on the ground that as a Party Day it would not be regarded as a purely official meeting.

For the first time, my French colleague, M. Francois-Poncet, Mr. Gilbert, the United States Charge d'Affaires, and myself, were authorised in 1937 by our respective Governments to attend the Rally.

Nobody who has not witnessed the various displays given at Nuremberg during the week's Rally, or been subjected to the atmosphere thereof, can be said to be fully acquainted with the Nazi movement in Germany.

I attended a review of the Party leaders, 140,000 in number and representing at that time over two million members of the Party.

I was present at a rally of the Hitler Youth, 48,000 strong, with 5,000 girls, and at a supper party to Herr Himmler's S.S. camp of 25,000 blackshirts. I had talks with Hitler himself, Neurath, Goering and Goebbels, as well as a number of other less important personages.

The displays themselves were most impressive. That of the party organisations in the towns and villages throughout the country took place in the evening at eight p.m. in the stadium, or Zeppelinfeld.

Dressed in their brown shirts, these 140,000 men were drawn up in six great columns with passages between them. Hitler himself arrived at the far entrance of the stadium, some four hundred yards from the platform; and, accompanied by several hundred of his followers, marched on foot up the central passage to his appointed place.

My Impression of Nuremberg

His arrival was theatrically notified by the sudden turning into the air of the 300 or more searchlights with which the stadium was surrounded.

The blue-tinted light from these met thousands of feet up in the air at the top to make a kind of square roof, to which a chance cloud gave added realism.

The effect, which was both solemn and beautiful, was like being inside a cathedral of ice.

At the word of command the standard bearers then advanced from out of sight at the far end, up the main line and over the further tiers and up the four side lanes.

A certain proportion of these standards had electric lights on their shafts, and the spectacle of these five rivers of red and gold rippling forward under the dome of blue light, in complete silence, through the massed formations of brown shirts, was indescribably picturesque.

I had spent six years in St. Petersburg before the war in the best days of the old Russian ballet, but in grandiose beauty I have never seen a ballet to compare with it.

The German, who has a highly developed herd instinct, is perfectly happy when he is wearing a uniform, marching in step and singing in chorus, and the Nazi revolution has certainly known how to appeal to these instincts.

Hess the Inscrutable

As a display of aggregate strength it was ominous; as a triumph of mass organisation combined with beauty it was superb.

The review of the Hitler Youth was no less an object lesson from an observer's point of view. Standards, music and singing again played a big part in the performance, and the fervour of youth was much in evidence. The speeches on that occasion were made by Hitler, Hess and Baldur von Shirach, the leader of the Hitler Youth.

Rudolph Hess was the Fuehrer's deputy. In a sense, he seemed to me to be a sort of adopted son to Hitler, and on the outbreak of war he was named as second in command in the order of succession to the leadership of the German nation.

In less troublous times he might well have been named first, but his authority with the Army would scarcely have been great enough in war time to hold the balance between the soldiers and the Nazi Party.

Tall and dark, with beetling eyebrows, a famous smile, and ingratiating manners, Hess was perhaps the most attractive looking of the leading Nazis.

He was not inclined to be talkative, and in conversation did not convey the impression of great ability. I would have summed him up as aloof and inscrutable, with a strong fanatical streak.

At the Youth Rally it was Von Shirach's speech which, in spite of its painfully adulatory references to the Fuehrer, impressed me most.

One part of it surprised me when addressing the boys, he said, "I do not know if you are Protestants or Catholics; but that you believe in God—that I do know."

I had been under the impression that all reference to religion was discouraged among the Hitler Youth. Theoretically, however, in spite of the revolt against the sacred books of the Jews religion was free to the Hitler Youth; but, where and whenever it was possible to do so, it was in practice discouraged by various effective methods.

Sinister and Menacing Scene

The God of the Hohenzollerns had not saved Germany from defeat in 1918, and though God might still be worshipped, it must be a purely German one, to whom Hitler was so closely allied as to be barely distinguishable from the Deity Himself.

Hitler himself in his speeches constantly referred to the Almighty. He was not an atheist, but merely pro-Hitler and anti-Christian.

In the course of one of my interviews with him we touched upon the subject of the religion. He was at the moment incensed against certain English bishops for supporting the case of Pastor Niemoller.

He would not, he shouted, brook any further interference by English Churchmen in the religious affairs of Germany.

It was their meddling, he said, which had caused him to give orders for Niemoller to be put in a concentration camp after he had been set at liberty by the tribunal which had tried him for sedition.

If, he continued, any English bishops tried to come to Germany they would be turned back at the frontier; and he concluded with the astounding statement that "Nowhere was religion freer than in Germany."

It was the sort of remark to which I never was able to find an answer, nor would it have served any purpose if I had.



His own National-Socialist religion, as he conceived it with its German God was free, and that was all he cared for. Furthermore, he could always make himself believe whatever he said.

It was this kind of attitude which made ordinary conversation and argument with him, and his imitator Ribbentrop, so difficult and unsatisfactory.

The supper in a great tent in Herr Himmler's S.S. Police Camp at Nuremberg was equally instructive in another sense.

During supper a number of songs were sung by a chorus of Blackshirts, and after it there was a tattoo for the lowering of the Swastika camp flag.

The music, as well as the bearing and drill of the special colour party, was exceptionally good. The S.S. played a big part in ruling Germany for Hitler, and they were picked men of powerful physique.

"But," as I wrote at the time, "the camp in the darkness, dimly lit by flares, with the black uniforms in the silent background and the skull and crossbones on the drums and trumpets lent to the scene a sinister and menacing impression. I felt, indeed, as if I were back in the days of Wallenstein and the Thirty Years' War in the seventeenth century."

Herr Hitler was more friendly to me personally on that occasion than on any of the others, on which I saw him. He was undoubtedly pleased at the attention for the first time of the British, French, and American representatives, and he indicated that he attributed this innovation to my initiative.

As it happened, I had had a long talk with Dr. Goebbels at lunch that day on the subject of our respective Presses, and I told Hitler so. There was nothing very new in that talk, and up to the last the Press problem remained insoluble, but Goebbels had been friendly and sensible. The "little doctor" was probably the most intelligent, from a pure-



Opening "I found more honest than Hitler. Our talks were always on friendly terms."

GOERING threatens the BRITISH EMPIRE

Anschluss in Austria

It was so far true that Austria was, in fact, Hitler's immediate objective.

Of that there was no shadow of doubt, and in commenting on the greater calmness of the 1937 Party Rally, I had reported, "Germany to-day feels that she can not only afford to wait, but by waiting will be yet stronger and more sure of her goal. And the big goal is German unity. Of that let there be no mistake either; and if we intend definitely to oppose it, we should lose no time in asking ourselves the first and capital question 'How?'" It was already quite evident that it would be futile to say "no" to the dictator without being prepared to go to war to enforce it.

The question of the Austrian Anschluss was also mentioned in a long conversation which I had with Goering at this time.

He insisted that it was inevitable, and told me that he had a few days before seen Herr Guido Schmidt, the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and had bluntly told him that the sooner the Austrian Government accepted it as such, and without creating bad blood, the better it would be for all concerned.

Destroy the British Empire

As usual, Goering was very outspoken, and at times belligerent. Yet our many talks, in spite of complete frankness on both sides, were never conducted on any but mutually friendly lines.

He suffered comparatively little from the personal resentments which so often inspired Hitler and Ribbentrop, and up to the last I was inclined to believe in the sincerity of his personal desire for peace and good relations with England.

He laid stress on this at Nuremberg, though at the same time he added that if the British Empire refused to collaborate with Germany, there would be nothing for the latter to do but to devote herself to the destruction of that Empire instead of to its maintenance.

In this connection he mentioned to me—and was the first German to do so—the possibility of the Reich being compelled to revise the Anglo-German Naval Agreement.

I told him then, and again some months later, that such a step would inevitably lead in the end once more to war with Britain.

He regretfully admitted that this might be so, and added that it was against his advice that Hitler had insisted, when he did, on the conclusion of that Agreement.

Baron von Neurath once told me the same thing, the argument of both of them being that Hitler should have kept the naval agreement as a trump card up his sleeve for eventual use in a final bargain.

They were both more honest in this respect than Hitler since, from Goering's remark, I fancy that the contingency of repudiating that treaty was already in Hitler's mind, and, judging by subsequent experience, I can only conclude that he never intended to observe its terms longer than it suited him.

It was difficult, or even materially impossible, for him to rebuild a navy at the same time that he was re-creating his immensely formidable military and air machine, and the sole object, in Hitler's mind, of the Naval Agreement was to disarm British opposition to his schemes in Central Europe until such time as they came to fruition and were realised.

Thereafter it would be the turn of the British Empire. It is impossible to-day to draw any other conclusion.

TO-MORROW you will read of Goering's threat to bomb Britain.

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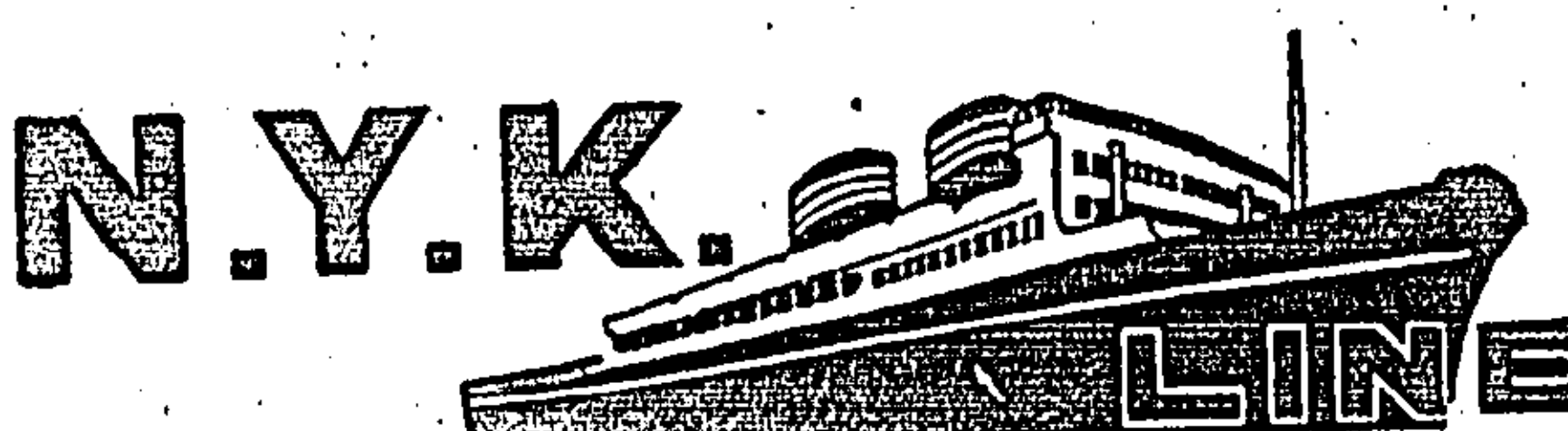
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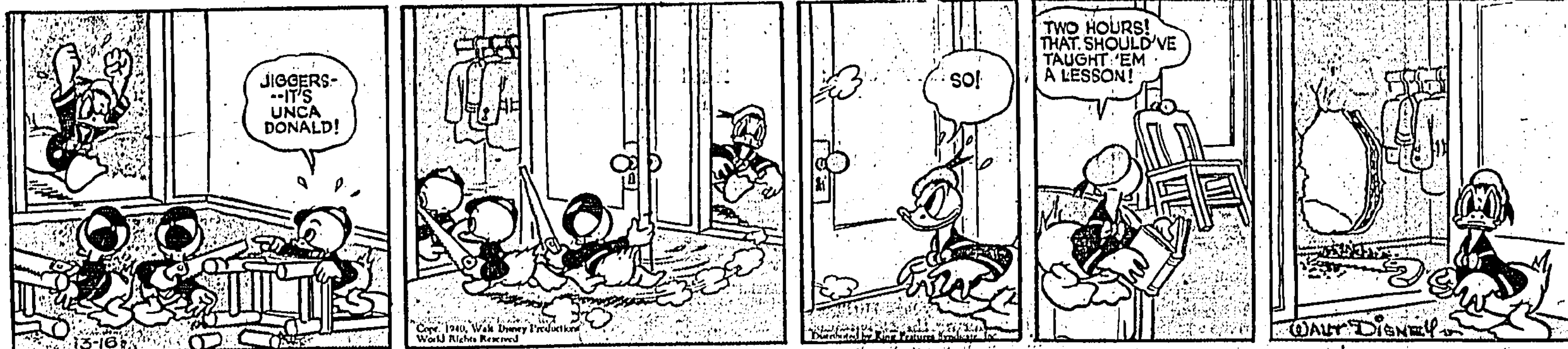
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Decorations have already been awarded to British soldiers for conspicuous bravery in this

work. These pictures show members of the Warwickshire Regiment learning patrol duty.

On the right: a Company Commander and section leaders are seen studying a plan of the area ahead of them, while their men remain on the alert.

Below: a Company Commander gives the signal for the patrol to come into close formation.



HUSBAND SAYS MAYFAIR WIFE HAD BAD TEMPER

EXETER BELL AS HIS FONT

IN the Exeter captain's shell-battered cabin, where three months ago lay the ship's wounded heroes, a baby was given a name of which he will grow up to be proud.

The two-year-old son of Warrant Engineer John Taylor was christened by the chaplain, the Rev. G. Grove and the name given to him was that of the ship which will forever hold a place of honour in the history of the British Navy.

Harry John Exeter Taylor cried throughout the ceremony. The ship's chaplain christened him with water from the Exeter's bell, which itself bore scars of the epic battle.

Thanksgiving

Captain Bell and his wife and Commander E. Simms were the baby's godparents. Engineer Taylor has seen his baby only once since birth. He was born while his father was serving in the Exeter in South America and is the first child of a member of the crew to be christened on board.

Before the christening a thanksgiving service, attended by the officers and their wives, was held in the captain's cabin.

Before he went into the box his father, speaking of a scene in his flat, said that his son drew his wife over his knee and spanked her. "Were they serious blows?" the judge asked.

He spanked her true and hard," Mr. Porter replied.

Referring to the incident when he put his daughter-in-law out of his flat, he said: "She was fighting like a demon, determined to do any damage she could."

The judge: Did you think it right

Spanked True And Hard

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Bleriot's Niece Is Granted Divorce

Mrs. Marie Antoinette Graves, now living in Paris, a niece of M. Bleriot, the aviator, was granted a decree nisi, with costs, by Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court.

Cartoons Teach R.A.F. To Avoid £300 Mistakes

EVERY time an R.A.F. pilot in training forgets to let down his under-carriage as he is about to land it costs the country up to £300 in repairs.

So the Training Command have devised two methods which should improve his memory.

One is to commission Fougasse, to draw a series of comic illustrations of the faults of learner pilots.

One drawing shows a pilot forgetting to lower his undercarriage. Another shows a flier putting himself in a dangerous position by flying under the tail of another aircraft.

These drawings are to be hung in the crew rooms at the training centres both here and in Canada, writes a London correspondent.

42 Instruments

The second method introduces a "mock-up," or dummy, cockpit. All the dials and levers face the learner, who is expected to be constantly seating himself within the cockpit to memorise the appearance and position of the dials and to practise the sequence of operating the levers.

Eventually he may have to learn to fly a machine which has 42 instruments.

I understand that, based on the number of flying hours, the number of accidents during the "high-pressure" flying training of war-time is about the same as during the more leisurely days of peace.

Pilots are being trained in bad weather conditions as well as in good. The difference between teaching a pilot in this war and the last is tremendous. When 1940 pilots come out of their elementary training school they have reached the stage where, in the last war, pilots were sent to France.

Before a qualified pilot is allowed to take up a machine of new type he must study a specially printed booklet of "flying notes"—similar, in effect, to the notes motor manufacturers present to motorists with their new cars.

Art-gunnery, too, are being trained in a far more technical manner than those of 1918.

A hangar at one gunnery school contains seven or eight gun-turrets placed in a row.

The learning air-gunnery sit inside them and point machine-guns whose barrels contain powerful torpedoes.

The hangar is put in darkness, and a round patch of light is made to move slowly across one of the walls.

Love Sergeant Major, Judge Tells Private

"ORDERS are orders," Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson told a young soldier at Durham Assizes, after he had commented that "according to the new idea you ought to love the sergeant-major." Seventeen-year-old John Connor, native of Leeds, a private in the Durham Light Infantry, pleaded not guilty to attempting to murder his sergeant-major by shooting at him. His plea of guilty of attempting to wound was accepted by the prosecution.

Asking the Judge not to pay too much attention to the lad's obstinacy and blood curdling threats, Mr. F. T. Willey, for the defence, said:

"You've heard about the fellow named Sam who wouldn't pick up his musket. Well, in this case he wouldn't put it down."

"Some Sort Of Grudge"

The Judge: That is a case of which I cannot take cognisance.

Mr. Willey: Then I will not mention Sam again.

Mr. C. H. Fenwick, prosecuting, said the charge arose out of an incident at a training camp. The youth had been dining-room orderly and had refused to clear up scraps of food when told to do so by his sergeant-major.

Later Connor went to the store room and got a rifle. He already had four rounds of ammunition. He pointed the rifle towards the sergeant-major and the bullet landed in the wall behind him.

Afterwards he gave vent to threats which possibly he did not seriously mean.

"Bad Soldier"

An officer said the youth was a bad soldier and not amenable to discipline.

When Mr. Willey said there was some sort of a grudge between the youth and the sergeant-major, the Judge observed: "I thought according to the new idea you ought to love the sergeant-major."

Sending Connor to Borstal for three years, the Judge said when he came out possibly he would still go into the Army.

"Make it a career—and a fine one it is, too—but remember that orders are orders."

Mother Of 4 Deported

SEATTLE.—A mother of four, denied citizenship because she wouldn't bear arms for the United States in case of war, must return to Canada.

"They asked me if I would take up arms, and I told them I couldn't do that, but would do anything else the Government asked me if we were in war—nursing or anything like that," Mrs. Alice Signe Aune explained.

"But I guess that isn't enough," she is a native of the United States, but lost her citizenship by marrying a Norwegian, O. B. Aune. They lived in Winnipeg, Canada, 25 years.

Last summer the family moved to Seattle. Mr. Aune and four children entered as immigrants. Mrs. Aune entered on a parole requiring an application for citizenship within three months. She was ordered to return to Canada.

Her case paralleled that of Mrs. Kathryn Erickson of Enumelaw, Wash., Norwegian, who also was refused citizenship after she refused to bear arms because "I couldn't shoot people." Her plight started a move to change the Naturalisation Law.

BIG NAVAL BATTLE?

Gothenburg, Apr. 22. Gunfire was again audible at Gothenburg archipelago this morning, especially at Roerod. Heavy fog prevented people from observing whether it was an air or naval engagement, but it is believed that it may indicate the beginning of a major naval battle.—United Press.

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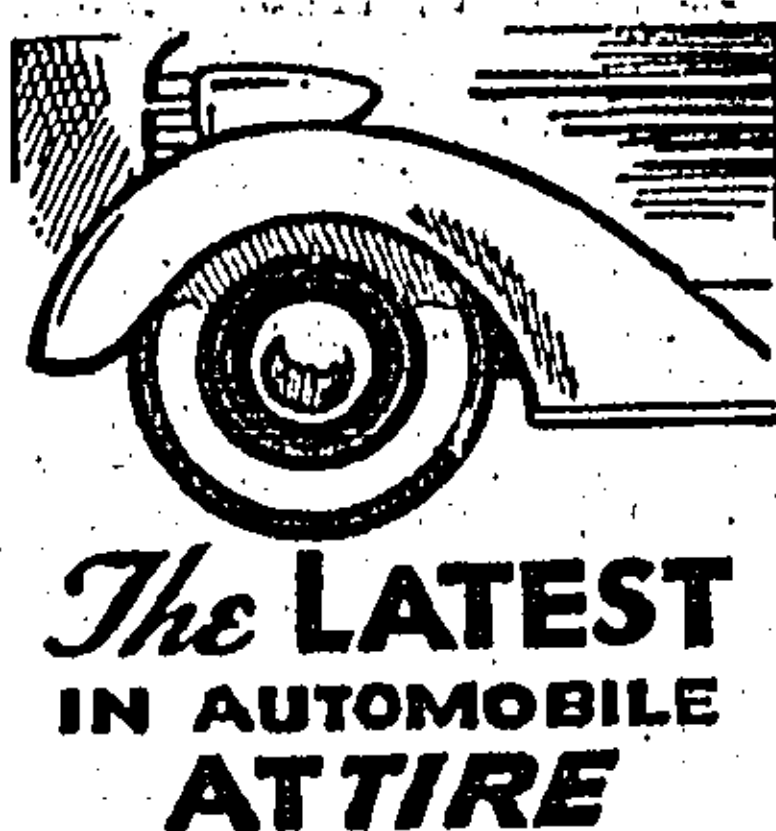


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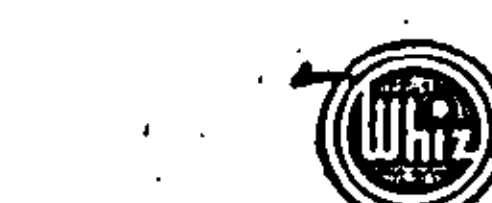


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Holland Waits

The Dutch Government is preparing against the possibility of immediate invasion by Nazi Germany.

That this is now a serious possibility none can doubt. German troops are massed on the frontier, all the preparations for an attack appear to be in train, although even yet, of course, the threat may not be translated into action.

An invasion of Holland, whose neutrality cannot be called in question in one particular and whose desire for peace has been made manifest again and again, would be a crime against international law and against the conscience of the world.

But Nazi Germany has committed too many crimes already to trouble about adding another to the list.

Holland threatens no one. She will be invaded, if invaded she is, simply because it seems expedient to Hitler to overrun another small nation for his war purpose.

The threat against Holland comes because Herr Hitler conceives that the Dutch coast, like Denmark, might be useful to him as a jumping-off ground for air raids on Britain.

He will not get his air bases easily. Holland will fight if invaded, and call to her aid the forces of Nature by flooding her land against the invader.

Nor, if invasion were successful, would it affect the ultimate balance of the war. Britain is prepared to meet the weapon of air attack as she has been prepared from the day war started.

It would but steel the resolution of the British and French people to fight until Hitlerism is finally defeated.

And to the rest of the world a brutal attack upon yet another small and peaceable nation would provide—if it were needed—the final evidence that there can be neither peace nor the civilised co-operation of nations in Europe so long as Naziism exists.

WHAT ECONOMIC WAR MEANS

THE Ministry of Economic Warfare is the most potent department on the home front in the war to end Hitlerism.

For six and a half years Hitler has been hammering the German nation into a weapon of war. Will that weapon, now that he is using it, break in his hands? Every possible strain must be put upon the German war machine, for if it collapses the war will be over.

It is the duty of the Ministry to help the military forces in putting that strain on Germany, while propaganda plays its part in weakening internal support for Hitler.

Economic warfare is the opposite of Hitler's dream of a lightning war of conquest. It is slow to get going, it takes a long time to make its effect, but in the long run it is irresistible.

To-day we are in a position to wage economic warfare, Hitler is not. We have ample means of defence against such warfare. Hitler has few. And if it is to be a long war, we have the moral stamina to see it through.

Consider the condition of Germany at the outbreak of war. For six and a half years Hitler has forced sacrifices on the German people in order to make Germany self-sufficient, but Germany is still a very long way from being self-sufficient.

First, there is food. Broadly speaking, Germany is self-sufficient to the extent of about 80 per cent. in food supply.

As regards wheat, Germany has enough. Last year's harvest was excellent. But there is a slight shortage of meat and of cattle fodder, a great deal of which has to be imported. And there is a severe shortage of fats.

Germany, in fact, is on a low level of subsistence now and there is not much of a margin for further restriction. Hitler must maintain his food supply and even improve it, for soldiers eat more than civilians.

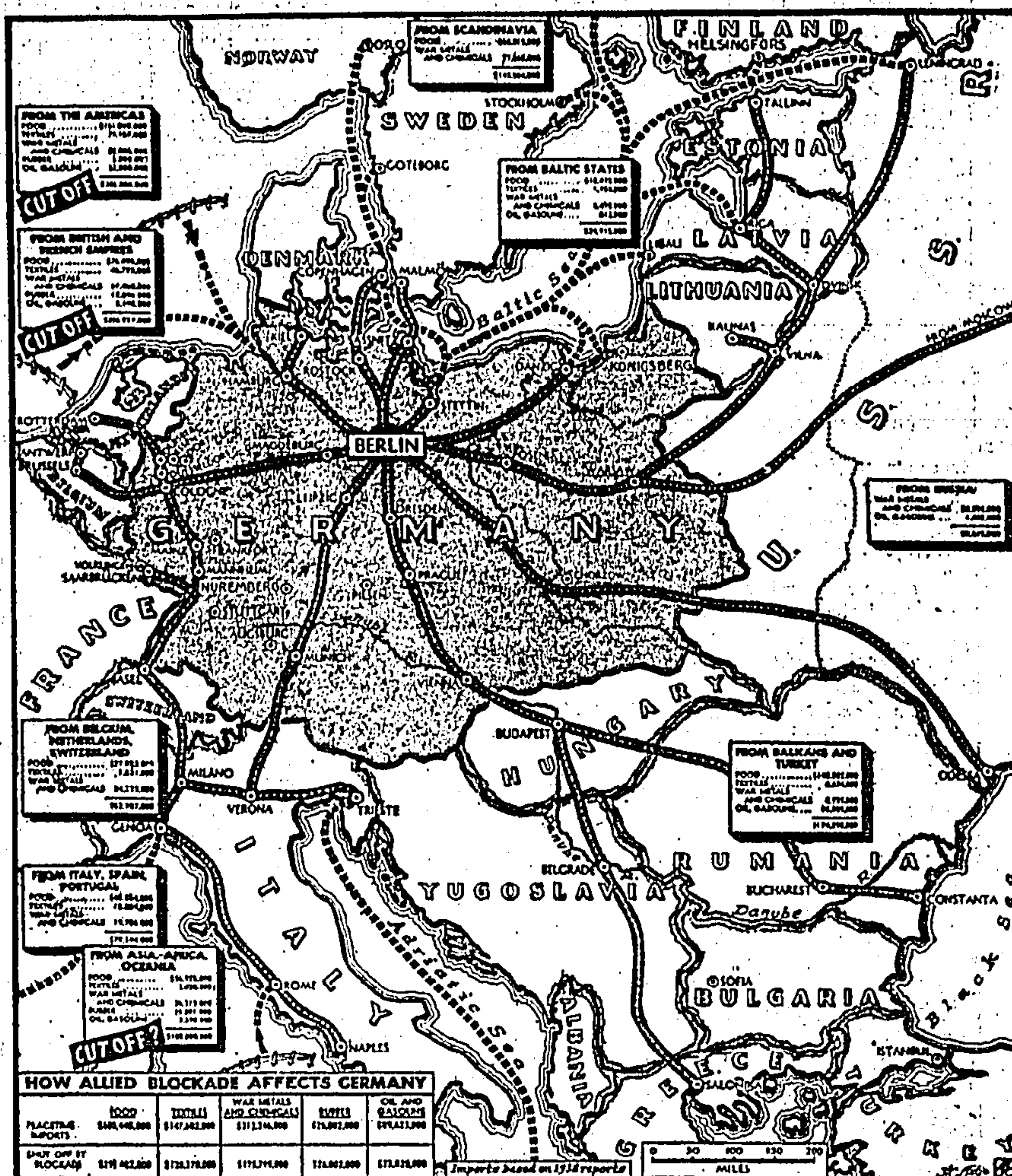
After food there is the question of raw materials vital for Germany's war industries. Here Germany's position is very much weaker.

There are seven groups of raw materials absolutely necessary for carrying on a war. They are coal, iron ore, metals other than iron, rubber, timber, textile fibres, and oil. In only two of these—coal and timber—is Germany self-sufficient. For the rest she is partly and in some of these cases entirely dependent on foreign supplies, some of them overseas. If we can cut off these supplies—or part of them—Germany will be crippled.

Some of Germany's supply channels are in our hands. If we declare a blockade of Germany, we can close the English Channel and make communication with Germany by way of the North Sea exceedingly difficult. With the Italian Fleet neutral, the Mediterranean would be in the hands of the British and French Navies, and as a further check on Germany, the Dardanelles are dominated by Turkey, an ally.

There would remain to Germany the land routes, and, problematically, the Baltic. Along the land routes Germany can get wheat and oil—ample wheat but insufficient oil—if she can pay for them or supply goods in exchange. If not, Germany has to commandeer them, and that means carrying the war into Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece. It might be bloodless war, but all these countries, if under the heel of Germany, would lose their rights as neutrals.

The same applies to Sweden, who can supply Germany from across the Baltic with the iron ore which is indispensable to her. Last year, in peace time, she imported 22 million tons of Swedish iron ore. Wartime needs would



Map and Figures Show Routes and Supplies at Stake.

By Donald Hodson

be much greater. Sweden, in fact, may hold the key to Germany's armaments industry.

Finally, we must consider the position of Russia. If we port orders. War is bound to assume that the Nazi-Soviet pact contains provisions for export business. Russian supplies in time of war, then the question arises what transport. The Baltic may be what channels can she supply it, frozen for the greater part of the year. Moreover, Leningrad goes into the question thoroughly and points out that the commercial assistance Russia can Magnitogorsk, and Russian rail-give Germany "can easily be exaggerated."

Leaving on one side the political difficulties (that Russia might be unwilling to help Germany to dominate Europe), it must be remembered that unless Russia provides credit, which is unlikely, Germany would have to pay for any Russian supplies, or provide goods in exchange; what Russia can supply, presumably, in fact, Russia would be no more use in this respect than any neutral country to which to help Hitler.

Germany has access. And even in peace time Germany has been carefully built up so as to make Russia independent of foreign supplies, and the stage has now been reached where production is only being used for export in order to pay for necessary raw materials and such things as factory machinery which she cannot yet make herself.

Food production has improved, but the standard of living is still low, and there is no surplus to send to Germany, except perhaps wheat which Germany does not need.

Only in a few things could Russia help—manganese, cotton, timber and perhaps a little oil—and much organisation would be needed before they became available for Germany.

It is crystal clear from all this that Germany's outside supplies are in a perilous position. It is for us to make them even more perilous, through economic warfare. It is also clear that economic warfare is far wider in its scope than military warfare, and in the long run of equal importance.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare in the War Government, is a merchant banker who became a Conservative M.P. in 1931 and has worked his way up to the position of Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade.

His work at the Board of Trade will be useful to him in this important new post. But it does not seem advisable that the final responsibility of such vitally important work should fall on a man who has never before held Cabinet rank.

The general direction of the war is in the hands of the War Cabinet. This matter of economic warfare as well as our own economic defence and the co-ordination of that defence with that of our Allies is a supremely important part of the struggle. This field and the work of all executive departments concerned with it should be made the special responsibility of one of the War Cabinet Ministers.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"That's a miniature shot I took of the Grand Canyon at 250th of a second—couldn't quite get it all in, of course."

Jitters Among The Neutrals

AMERICANS TOLD "WISE TO LEAVE HUNGARY NOW"

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The United States Legation at Budapest to-day advised all American citizens residing in Hungary that it would be wise to return to the United States while facilities are still available, according to a Budapest telegram.

A circular letter says that the Legation is not in possession of any information which could lead to the belief that the war is likely to be extended to south-east Europe.

Luxembourg Fears

LUXEMBOURG, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Germans have constructed landing stages on the German side of the rivers Moselle and the Sur on the frontier between Germany and Luxembourg.

They declare that the object is to increase river traffic and to relieve the railways.

The Luxembourg Government, as a result, has erected on the Luxembourg side of the river concrete obstacles with spikes made of rails.

Swedish Protests
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Numerous violations of our territory by flights over Swedish territory naturally led the Swedish Government to protest to the German Government.

He added that they requested that steps be taken to prevent a repetition of the flights which were particularly numerous and serious yesterday.

They have been the subject of most energetic representations from the Swedish side, it was stated.

Nazi Planes Over Belgium
BRUSSELS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—A Ministry of Defence communiqué states that in addition to flights by foreign planes over the Neufchâteau region this morning, foreign aircraft flew over Belgian territory at a number of points during the day.

Two were identified as German machines.

Belgium Restores Leave
BRUSSELS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—It is announced that Army leave has been restored "to a certain extent."

Air Council's New Member

Appointment Of Sir Charles Craven

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry announcement confirms that Sir Samuel Hoare, the new Air Minister, has invited Sir Charles Craven to join the Air Council as Civil Member for development and production in association with Air Marshal Sir Wilfred Freeman.

Sir Charles Craven is also to be Chairman of the Air Supply Board, which will replace the existing Air Council Committee on Supply, and will be responsible under the Air Council for the production of aeronautical equipment and supplies.

Two-Year Plan Success
Sir Charles, on taking up the appointment, has agreed to take part in the conduct of the affairs of Vickers Limited, Vickers Armstrong Limited and all associated companies.

Mr. E. J. Lemon, whose services were lent to the Air Ministry by the London-Midland-Scottish Railway in June, 1938, is resuming the Vice-Presidency of the L.M.S. organisation, but will serve on the Air Supply Board.

Mr. Lemon carried out, with marked success, the two-year production programme for which he was lent to the Air Ministry.

Nazis Discard Their Mask

Invasion Of Norway No Longer "Protective"

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The last vestiges of German claims that they are protecting Norway are fading from the German Press.

The "Koelnische Zeitung" openly attacks King Haakon, saying that he had left no stone unturned to encourage his people to adopt an anti-German attitude.

The paper declares that with the expulsion of the Norwegian Minister from Berlin, the situation has become very seriously aggravated.

EXERCISES IN DESERT

CAIRO, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The first large scale exercises by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, since its arrival in Egypt, began this morning in the desert to the south of Cairo.

The exercises are designed to test the powers of co-ordination of the infantry, cavalry and artillery in the rough country.

The exercises will last for four days.

R. A. F. BEAT OFF RAIDS

From Shotlands To South-East Coast

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Planes believed to be German were reported off the south-east coast to-night.

Heavy gun-fire was heard and great flashes were seen just above the water, as if bombs were exploding.

East Coast Raid
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Aircraft believed to be German were also reported off the east coast to-night.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action and pursuit planes went up.

Planes Over Shotlands
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Two aeroplanes, believed to be enemy machines, were seen flying high over the Shotland area this afternoon.

A.A. batteries opened fire and British fighters went up. The planes were driven off.

No bombs were dropped and no air-raid warning was sounded.

Nazi Claim
BERLIN, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An official news agency claims that nine British and two French planes were shot down on Sunday. It is also claimed that two British bombers were shot down during the raid on Stavanger and four more in the raid on Aalborg.

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LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry has issued a statement that only one plane is missing from the raid on Aalborg and none are missing after the attack on Stavanger.

Curfew In Denmark
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No civilians, except persons going to or coming from work and doctors and nurses, are allowed in the streets between 9 p.m. and 4.30 a.m.

The Copenhagen newspaper gave detailed instructions as to what to do in the course of an air raid and warned listeners outside Aalborg that a state of air raid danger might be declared in other parts of the country.

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The severe measures taken are commensurate with the dangers they are designed to meet, he says. The Communist Party had made itself the mouth-piece of a foreign government which was the associate and accomplice of a country at war with France.

The issue was clear. France had to decide whether or not that a party, which was directed and financed by a Foreign Power, should take part in the work of the French Assembly and be given information of the military and diplomatic position and secret details of the defence of France.

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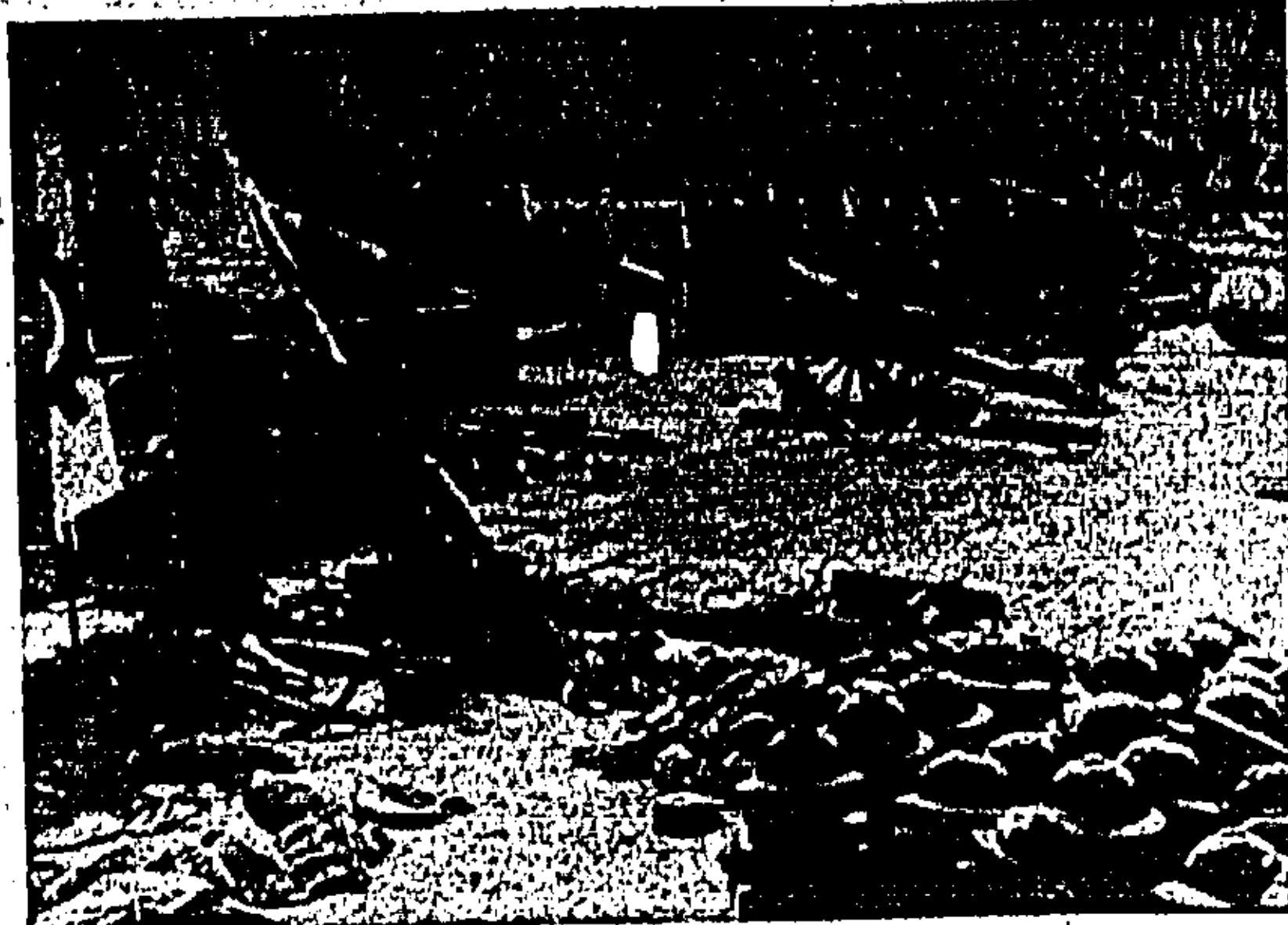
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Wall Street was firm.

Rift In Puppet Administration

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—The rupture between Wang Ching-wei and Liang Hsiang-chi, "president" of the Control Yuan of the puppet government in Nanking, has deepened according to a Shanghai message.

At the regular meeting of Wang's Central Political Council on April 20, it is stated, Liang was a noticeable absentee.



THIS JAPANESE photograph claims to show some of the war materials captured when the Japanese recently invaded the Chung-shan area.—Domei.

R. A. F. RAIDS ON GERMAN BASES

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—It is understood that in the course of last night's air raid on Aalborg numerous hits were made on the landing ground with high explosives. Six fires, started by incendiary bombs, were left blazing in different parts of the aerodrome.

One pilot, approaching from a height of only 100 feet, found that most of the searchlights could not be depressed to such a low level and he was able to place an accurate salvo of bombs on the road near the control tower.

A powerful force of long-range bombers raided Stavanger aerodrome. One of the raiders dropped ten bombs from a low altitude on a group of about 15 enemy aircraft, of which at least six were destroyed. The others are believed to be badly damaged.

One machine in a low-level attack sowed a line of high explosive bombs across the aerodrome and also started several fires with incendiary bombs.

Another plane machine-gunned a line of enemy aircraft, two of which burst into flames.

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DEARTH OF NEWS

London Papers And War In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The dearth of official news from Norway gives little scope to the British press for comment to-day.

Most of the leading articles abstain from discussing the main topic.

Russia, Italy, the "Fifth Column" and Imperialism are discussed but not Norway.

"The Times" sums up the difficulties about getting a complete picture of what is happening in Norway in a leader entitled "Waiting for News."

Waiting For News
Waiting for vital news, says this paper, is not easy. Waiting is always necessary until the issue is decided or the situation clarified. Until information can be put out without profiting the enemy.

In Norway it is not possible to withhold news to the extent which may be desirable. Reports get across the frontier into neutral Sweden.

But "The Times" warns that much of the reports from Sweden have not been altogether reliable in the past and it would be unwise to place complete confidence in what is coming through now.

"We may think we have enough material for putting together the general outline but it is possible that important gaps are not filled or the importance of some of the details supplied may exceed reality," says the paper.

"If the people are eagerly waiting for news," concludes "The Times," "they are doing so in a spirit of calm feeling that this crisis has been completely and rapidly met."

Would-Be Quislings
The "News Chronicle" does not think much of would-be Quislings in Britain.

"Discussing the agitation in certain quarters about the possibility of a 'Fifth Column' in Britain, the paper takes the view that the Communists are being so stupid that they can quite safely be left at liberty to complete the ruin of what reputation remains to them."

Recent bye-elections, in which the Fascist and Communist peace group candidates participated, have shown that their support is small enough to be safely ignored and that they are indeed decreasing.

The Labour paper "Daily Herald" approves of the Government's willingness to talk about trade with Russia providing that Moscow refrains from furnishing Hitler with materials of war.

If Russia intends to live as a peaceful neutral, mutual trade would be of advantage to both countries.

Imperialism
The mounting of the guard by the French-Canadian troops at Buckingham Palace gives "The Times" an opportunity to discuss Imperialism.

It is difficult to appreciate the full significance of the French Canadians taking over this duty from the Irish Guards.

Let those who see it as nothing more than a matter of military routine try to imagine a Bohemian regiment speaking Czech and mounting guard at Berchtesgaden.

They may then estimate the worth of those who represent the war in neutral countries as a struggle between rival imperialisms.

**SWEDEN'S NEW
DESTROYERS**
CARTAGENA, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Four destroyers, which Sweden bought from Italy in December, have arrived en route to Sweden.

The squadron, which includes the transport ship, Patricia, will proceed to Sweden after two destroyers, which collided, have been repaired.

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**Heavy Toll Of
Transports**
British Submarine Sinks
3,000 Tons

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—H.M. submarine Sea Lion has returned for a rest.

She has sunk 3,000 tons of German transports in Norwegian waters.

Norwegian Ship Sunk
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Norwegian steamer, Bravura, 1,400 tons, was sunk after an explosion off the south-east coast of England to-day.

Twenty of the crew of 24 are feared to have lost their lives. The four survivors were landed at a south-east coast port.

Dutch Ship A Victim
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Dutch steamer, Bernisse, 951 tons, homeward bound with a cargo of iron sank off the Norwegian coast.

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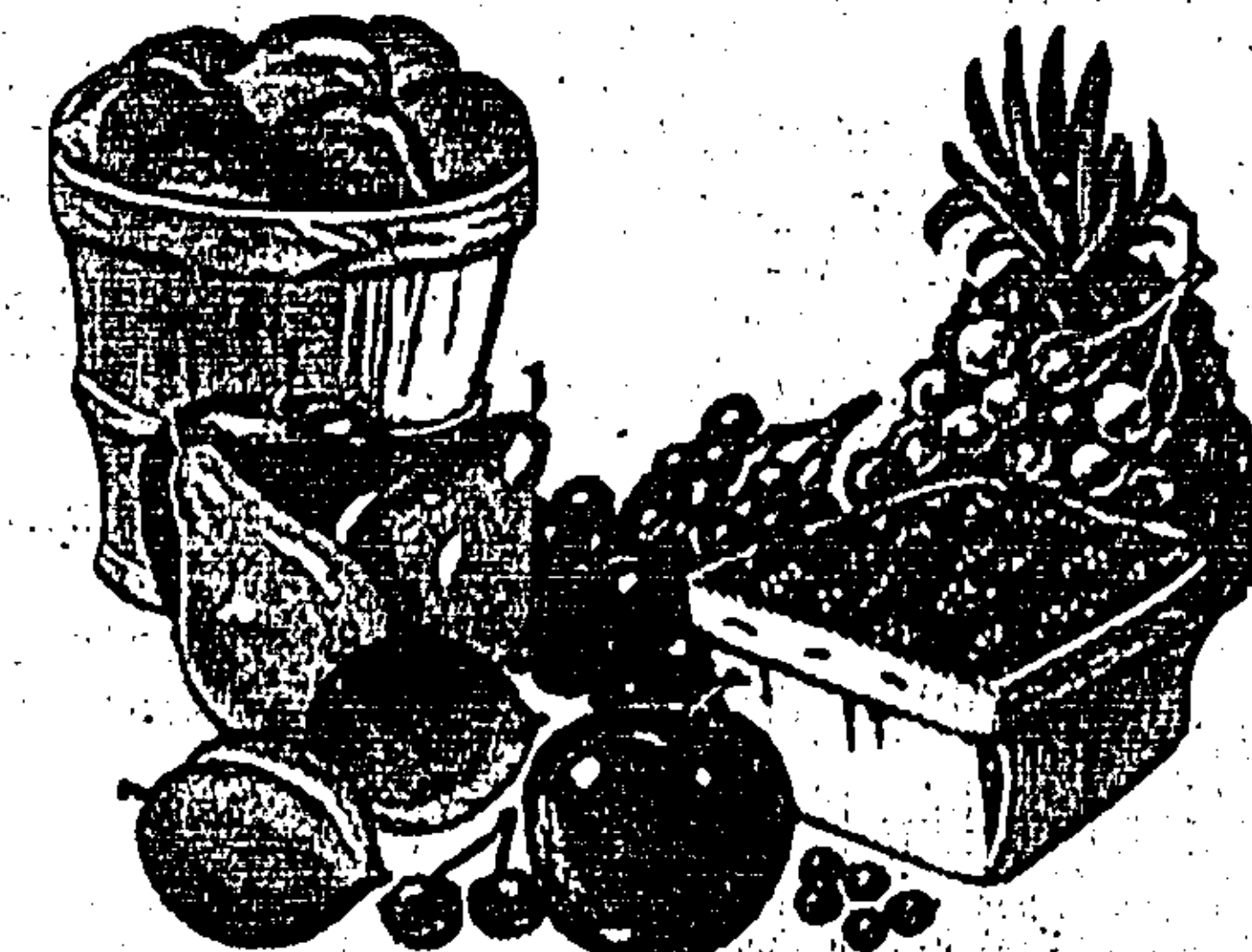
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END OF THE SEASON REVIEW

Kowloon Worthy Winners Of Senior Title: Play-Off In Junior League

AND SO WE COME to the end of another season. It is always a sad occasion to those of us who are getting on in years. To the young men it merely means a pause before they can get on to improve their game. In view of what has happened since September 3 last, I think, that the cricketers in the Colony can congratulate themselves on having kept the game alive.

It has been a scrappy season. It had to be. With practically all players doing Military work as well as their own civil jobs, the full teams could not be turned out regularly. We have managed to run the League in a reasonably satisfactory way.

On the whole Kowloon Cricket Club are very well deserved winners of the Senior Shield. There has not perhaps been any brilliant cricket, but one point which strikes me particularly is the excellent showing which the Army have made.

Experience over more seasons than I care to think about teaches me that an enormous amount depends on whether the Army have a keen and good cricketer who has sufficient time to look after the administration. Major Grose is definitely among our finest cricketers here, and he has done great things for Army cricket. He has, moreover, been a tower of strength in arranging certain Free Foresters' games, which have substituted in a great measure the various "Services" matches which have been impossible owing to the far flung distributions of H. M. Navy.

Junior League

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE has, so far as I know at present, ended in a tie between the I.R.C. and Police. I know that the utmost efforts were made to find a neutral ground to play off this on Saturday last. Unfortunately, owing to the beginning of the bowls season a ground could not be found. I have no information as to whether or not another attempt will be made.

In view of the weather and the late date I fear it is somewhat unlikely that this match can be played. There are, however, precedents for the Shield being shared. To be quite frank I think that the Police would be likely to win a play-off, but that is merely an opinion.

A Final Match

I GIVE the Civil Service 2nd eleven full marks for having struggled on to complete their final match in the programme. They tie with the Army for sixth place, but admittedly the Army have two more games in hand which will not be played, and, therefore, the Civil Service can only claim to be seventh.

They finished their season with a very excellent win against Cranleigh who are two places above them in the table.

For Cranleigh, the two opening batsmen, Hamson (44) and Locke (20) made a very fine opening, but after that no-one could do anything against the bowling of Alsie, whose figures were 5.3-0-25-7. Attwell took 3 for 18 going on second change and backed him up finely.

The Civil Service lost a couple of cheap wickets but Alsie came nobly into the breach and knocked up 44 and A. Watson, made 24 and the runs were hit off alright. P. Crawley, a veteran standby of the side, made 17 thereafter. I am very pleased at Alsie's success. He has had a hard job as Cricket representative this season.

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WONG AND GILLIES WIN BADMINTON TITLES

Disappointing Display By N.L. Smith

(By "Tinker")

WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED the surprise of the evening at the Club de Recreio yesterday was the victory of H. Gillies over N. L. Smith in the Junior Badminton Singles final, and in the senior final it appeared that there was to be a second surprise when C. Au took the first game off Patrick H. Wong. During and after the second game, however, there was little doubt as to who was to be the senior champion.

The Scores

SENIOR SINGLE

P. H. Wong beat C. Au 8-15, 15-9, 15-2.

JUNIOR SINGLE

H. Gillies beat N. L. Smith 15-12, 15-4.

Eastern's Final Triumph

Yco-La Salle Combined Beaten 3-0

MANILA, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Eastern Athletic eleven defeated a strong combination of Yco and La Salle College last night by 3 goals to nil, thus finishing their invasion with five victories and one defeat.

Determined to avenge their sole defeat at the hands of Yco, the Hongkong team attacked with whirlwind pace, and scored twice in the first half.

The local combination made dangerous incursions into the Chinese team's territory, but the Chinese defence proved impenetrable. In the second half the local eleven unleashed a terrific attack, but again met a stonewall defence.

A CLIMAX

AS A CLIMAX to a brilliant counter attack Lee Tack-kee took advantage of a bad position by the local goalie and shot the final goal.

The second half was featured by rough play on both sides. Lee Tack-kee was injured in the nose in the last few minutes, and had to retire.

A beautiful trophy was presented to the Hongkong team after the game, and the victors will be leaving for Hongkong by Clipper to-day.

Tournament Tennis

Tsuis Easy Doubles Victory

Remedios And Gonsalves Beaten In Semi-Final

(By "Tinker")

THE TSUI BROTHERS, present tennis doubles champions, made their way into the final of this year's tournament when they beat J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios with ease by 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 on the Hongkong Cricket Club stand court yesterday.

Gonsalves chose the wrong day to be off form, and while his partner was somewhat better, the opposition was far from being sufficient to extend the Chinese pair. Right from the commencement of the first set, the Tsuis began picking holes in the opposite defence, and scored with seeming great ease down the centre and side-lines.

Tsui Yun-pui was the central figure of the court. His smooth production of strokes and his accuracy eclipsed that of his brother. Particularly prominent was his short backhand shot to the forecourt which almost always found his opponent helplessly out of position.

Remedios brought off one or two very nice volleys, and his sharp angled shots caught Tsui Wai-pui unprepared on several occasions. The latter was particularly weak in his serving. He served altogether six times, and lost four of the games, one a love-game.

In the second set, Remedios abandoned caution for hard hitting, and it was not a false move. The Recreationists gained more points in this set than in the other two combined. But there was no doubt as to the ultimate result.

To-day's Programme

The other doubles semi-final will be played this afternoon, when E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung meet S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn.

Visiting Girl Basketballers Gain Second Victory In Hongkong

THE CHUNG HWA GIRLS' Basketball team gained their second victory when they defeated a Chinese Federation side 33 points to 29 yesterday, in an exceedingly fast and thrilling encounter, marked by some excellent long shot scoring. The game was played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. before a capacity crowd. Proceeds are for the Chinese Wounded and Refugees.

Miss Alice Chen, captain of the visitors, was again to the fore for her side with an excellent performance. She scored 21 points (five goals and 11 fouls). Three of her goals scored were clean shots through the basket and at 30 feet range. Miss Cary Ong excelled under the basket and was the next top scorer for the visitors. Her tally was four goals.

For Hongkong, the Misses Lau Sau-kwong and Chan Chai-chun were seen to advantage, each scoring five goals for their side. Hongkong's defenders could not keep pace with the fast forwards of the visitors and their stamina gave towards the close when a number of fouls were committed.

STRONG OPENING

THE VISITORS opened strongly, and sprang into a 9-0 lead in the first quarter. They attacked from the whistle, and within a few seconds Miss Victoria Tam culminated a fine passing movement to open with a goal scored from a difficult angle. Miss Alice Chen increased this lead

seconds later scoring from a foul. The game waxed fast and furious, and Miss Chen scored despite being overguarded. She brought the tally up to 6-0 from the foul. Miss Josefa Go was pulled up for striking, and Miss Lau Sau-kwong opened for the Federation.

FINE COMBINATION

MISS CARY ONG increased the visitors' lead with a nice goal. Chinese Federation sobered up and Miss Lee Chun-yea passed to Miss Lau for the latter to score. Manila called time out. Miss Suen Yuk-ming attempted to break through, and was pulled up. Miss Alice Chen converted.

Miss Lee Shun-yea passed to Miss Lau for the latter to score on the run. The score for the first quarter was nine points to five.

HONGKONG LEAD

HONGKONG took the lead in the second quarter, when the visitors' guards seemed unable to hold them. Miss Lau Shiu-ping came in for Miss Chan Wai-hing.

Miss Cary Ong eluded Miss Suen to score for the visitors with a nice shot. The Federation replied, but the goal over-ruled, and a foul awarded which was missed. How-

ever, Miss Lee Shun-yea soon after scored despite being hampered by Miss Go. Miss Ong replied almost immediately, while Miss Chen followed this with a nice foul goal. Miss Chan Chai-chun scored a lovely goal with her back facing the basket and Miss Lee added one more soon after.

The Federation missed several opportunities to go ahead then, the ball spinning round the rim of the basket and falling out. Miss Chen again scored from a foul for pushing. Miss Lau Shun-kwong scored a nice clean shot from long range, which brought forth a round of applause for an excellent try. The same player scored again from over guarding.

A CHANGE

MISS GO had four personal fouls chalked against her and although allowed to carry on sportingly declined for her team mate Miss Lilian Kwok. This change somewhat weakened the visitors' defence. The Federation side were allowed a freer hand in front of the visitors' goal. Miss Lee Shun-yea and Miss Chan Chai-chun added to the Federation's score and the quarter ended with the Federation leading, the score being 20 as against the visitors' 17. The third quarter was a little more

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Scottish Regional Football Leagues to-day:

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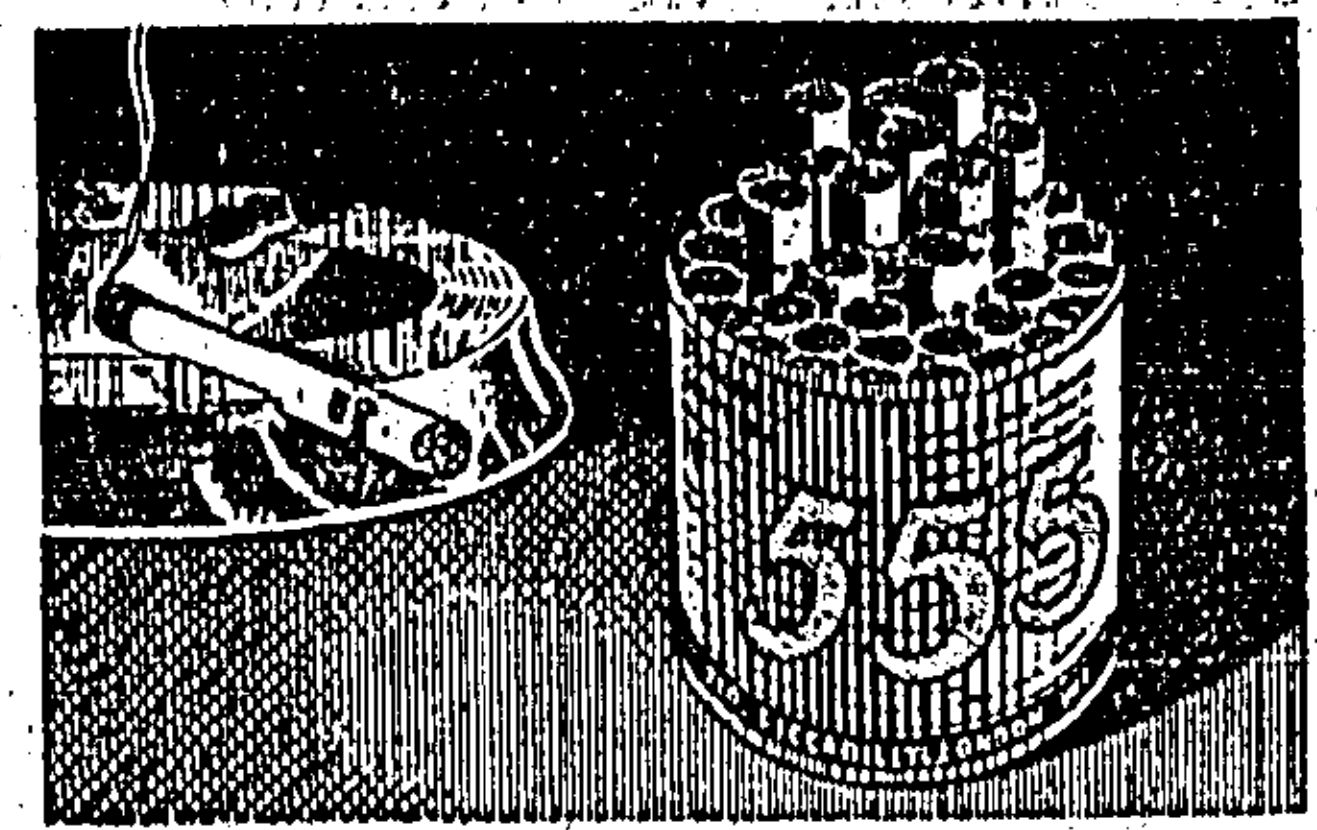
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even, but the Federation side were seen to tire. Their passings were getting wilder and there was an element of luck in their leading again at the end of the quarter. The Federation forwards were given many opportunities and made the most of them. Chan Chai-chun scored a nice back shot and Miss Lee Shun-yea one from under the basket.

The visitors replied with several fouls. The third quarter ended with the Federation still leading by one point, 25 to 24.

FAULTY SHOOTING

IN THE LAST quarter the Federation seemed to have spent themselves and were only able to add four more to their score. The visitors appeared refreshed and broke through with apparent ease, and only faulty shooting saved the Federation from a heavier defeat.



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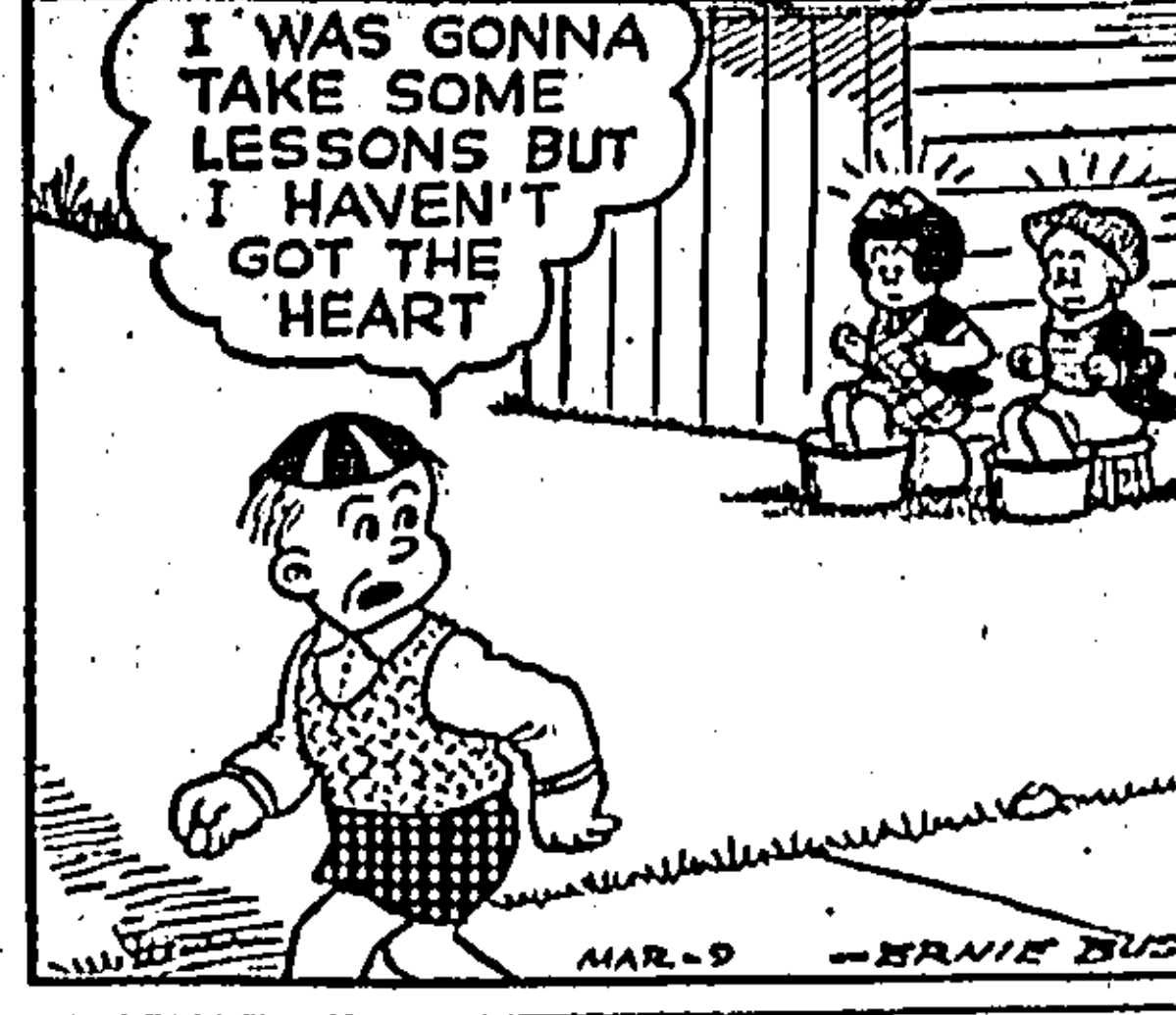
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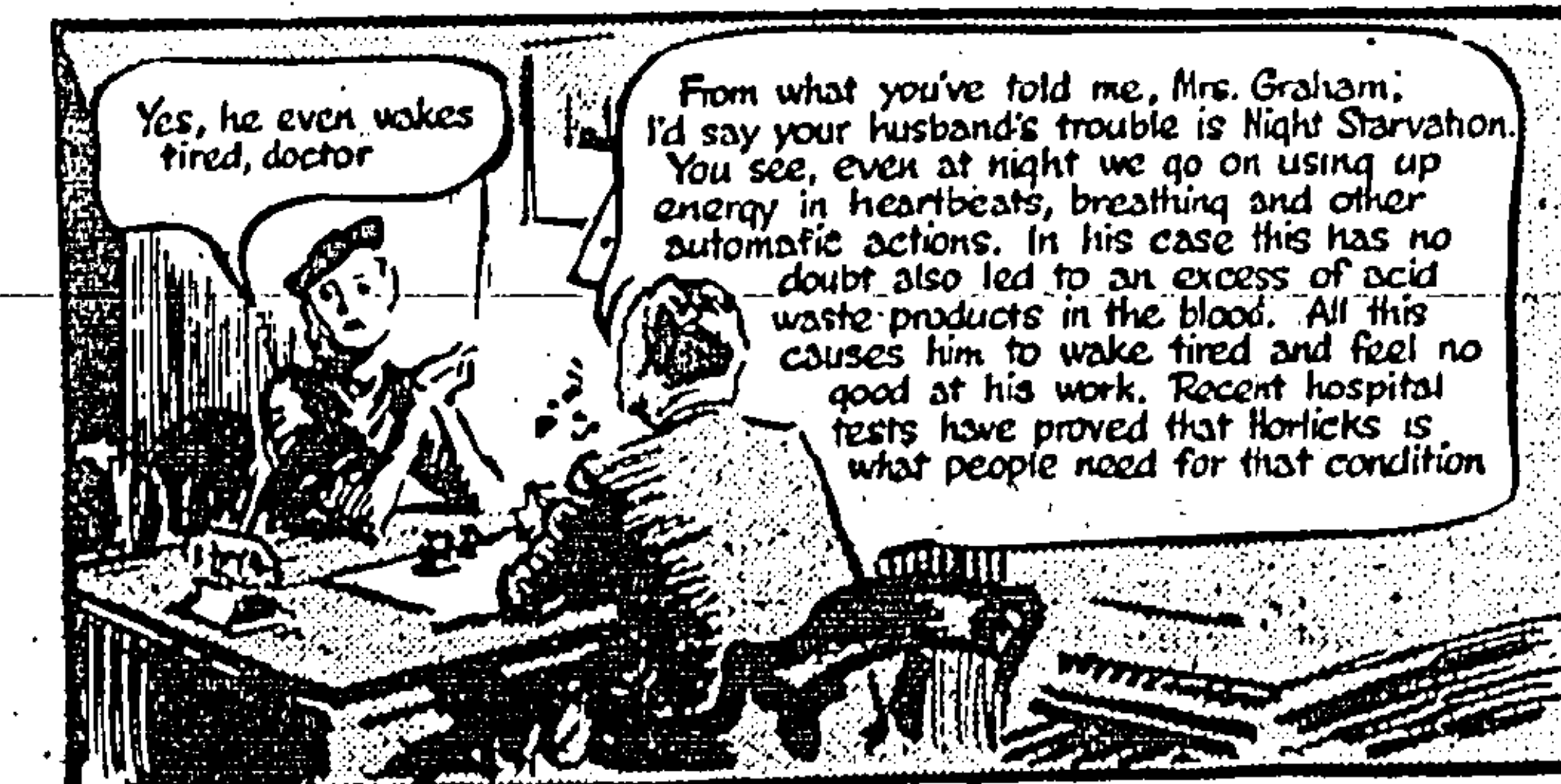
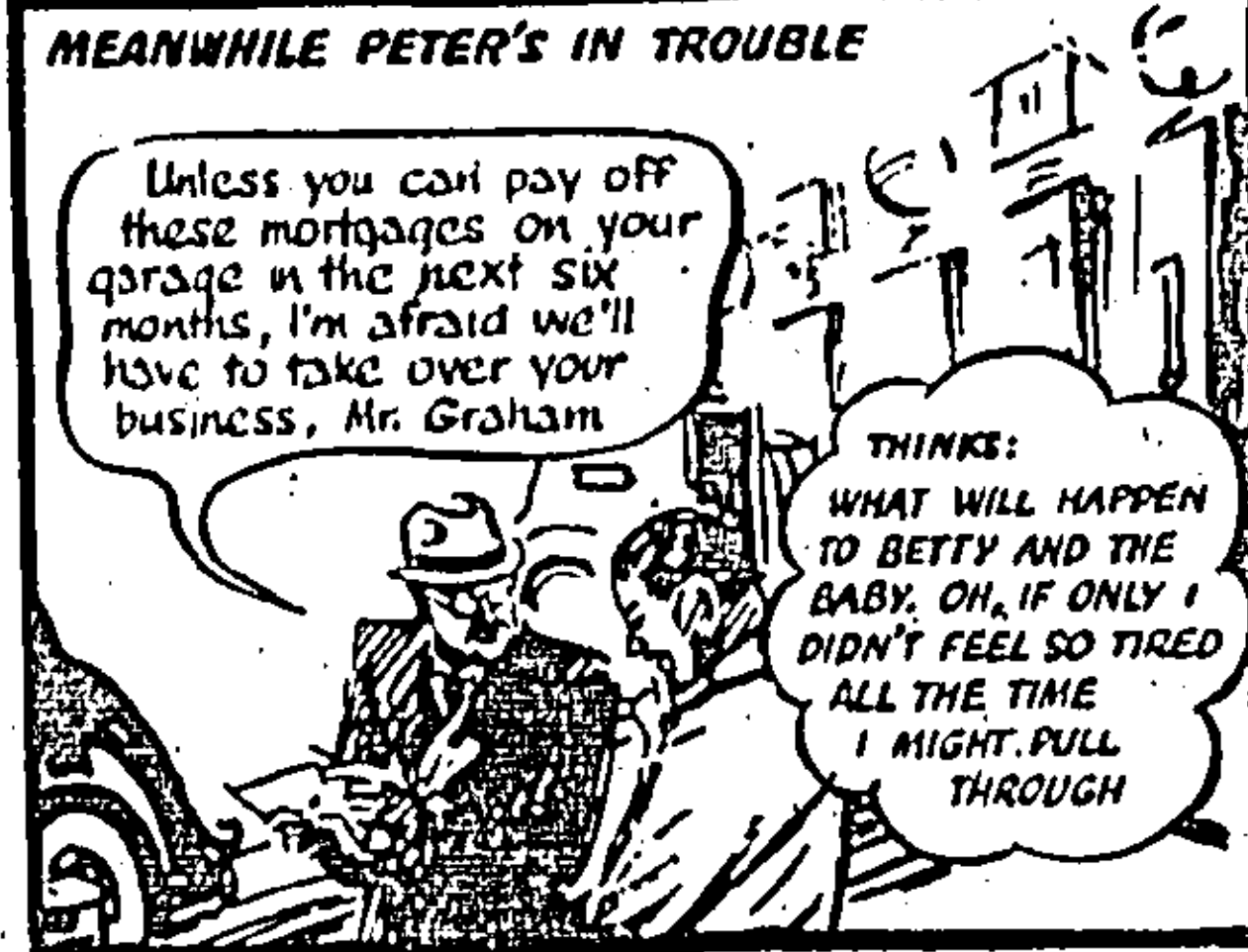
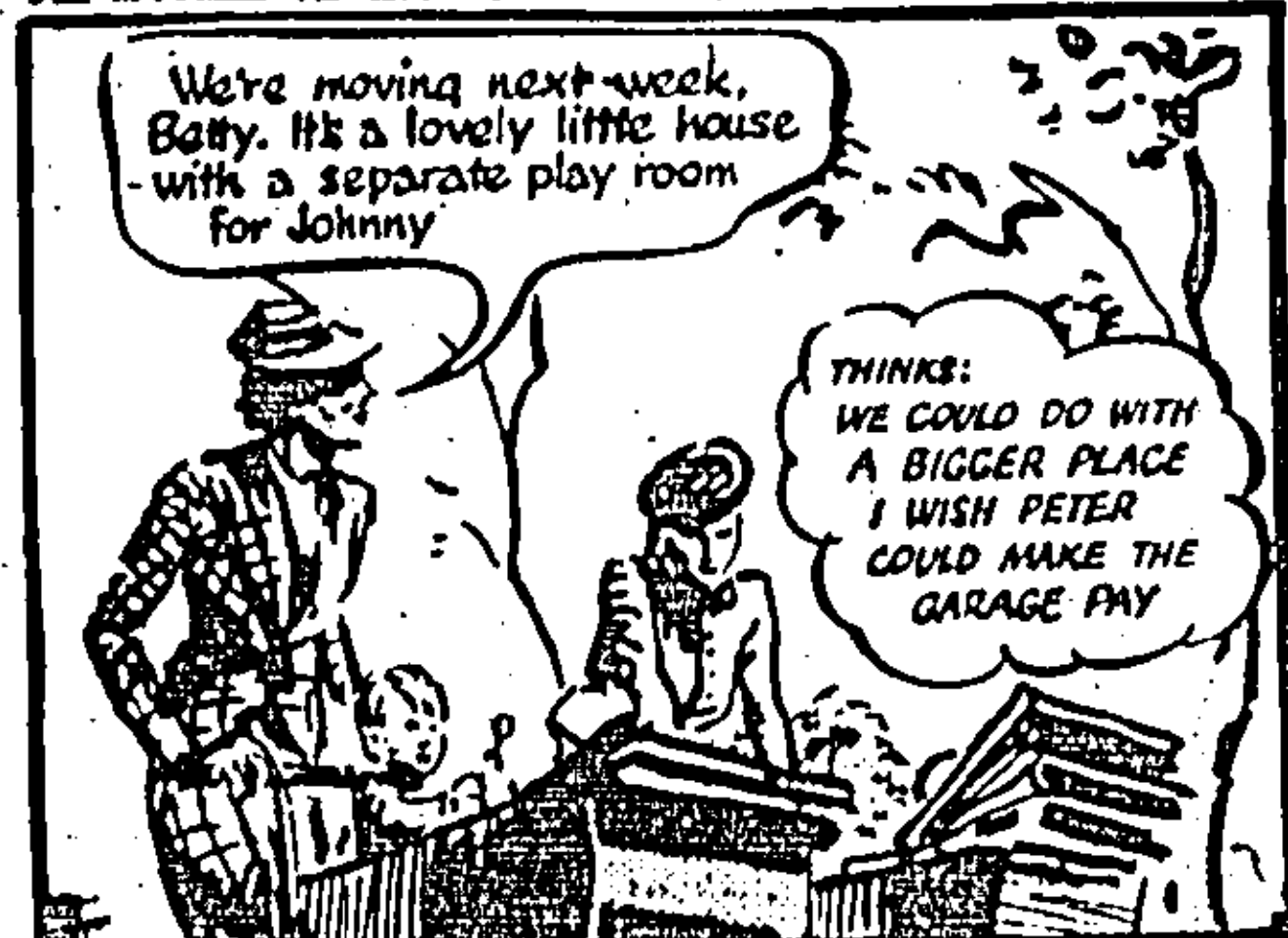
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Sportsmen Tour Australia To Aid China

(Special to the "Telegraph")

A HONGKONG YOUTH, 21-year-old R. B. ("Rusty") Fedoseyeff, formerly aircraft engineer with China Air Motive Ltd., and star pitcher in the C. B. A. softball team, is now leading an original cycling expedition across the Australian Continent.

With the sanction of the Chinese Consul-General in Australia, and working in close collaboration with the Australian Chinese, "Rusty's" fellow companions, 20-year-old A. J. ("Toby") Gavriloff and 21-year-old J. C. Smith, a former Shanghai policeman—form a determined trio on a special mission.

"Help China Win", this message is written on the backs of black shirts of these three young men, who left Perth early last month to cross Australia on push-bikes with the intention of helping Australians to understand sympathetically the nature of the Chinese struggle with Japan.

Fedoseyeff and Gavriloff are men without a country—White Russians whose parents fled to China during the Russian Revolution. All three spent most of their lives in Shanghai. They expect that their ride across the Continent will take them from six weeks to two months. Promoting China's cause, they lecture, broadcast and write articles for newspapers and magazines as they travel. When their long Odyssey is over, they intend to collaborate in writing a book.

THE trio came to Western Australia recently with the idea of joining the R. A. A. F., but Fedoseyeff and Gavriloff are not eligible, because they are not British subjects. Then they struck upon the idea of doing something in Australia to help China—the country which sheltered them for twenty years. "China has been very good to us," said "Rusty", "and we feel that we will be repaying a small part of the debt."

They write: "Up to date we had about six radio broadcasts, 25 newspaper write-ups, three stage appearances, and four open air appearances; most of all this in Perth. Had broadcasts in Northam and Kalbarrie, talks sponsored by Dunlop, etc. Have pedalled approximately 500 miles in the last ten days, taking our time and spending a day or so in the big towns that we pass through."

"We're in the middle of the gold mining district of Australia now, about 80 miles south of Kalbarrie in W. Australia. After another 80 miles of southward progress, we are turning east and will have about 1,000 miles of desert before we reach Adelaide. Then we push on to Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. The people have treated us so well that their hospitality has cut down our speed a good 30%."

RADIO TALKS
HOPING to reach Sydney in about six weeks, they expect to talk over the national radio hookup in Melbourne, as well as give radio broadcasts at points in between. Although they will assist the Chinese communities in the capital cities and larger towns to raise funds for China, they will not attempt to collect en route. Gavriloff has received offers of employment in Perth to induce him to stay there. A noted swimmer—the best ever to have competed in the Far East, he holds all the Chinese aquatic records from 80 to 800 yards, and has competed at Shanghai against Jack Medley. J. C. Smith is also an old boy of St. Xavier's in Shanghai.

CONSEQUENCES OF WAR
In their propaganda tour, they will attempt to point out the causes underlying the Sino-Japanese War, and the consequences to Australia and the

POLICE AND MACAO DRAW AT HOCKEY

MACAO, Apr. 21.—There was many a thrilling moment in the hockey match played here this afternoon when the team of the Hongkong Police encountered Macao's First eleven, and a large crowd turned out to witness a drawn game. The score was one-all.

During the first half, Macao's forwards were well into enemy territory the greater part of the time and play was punctuated by no less than six short corners and two long corners awarded against the Police, who were evidently unused to the turf. There seemed to be a perfect understanding among the local forwards who were repeatedly dangerous.

Individually, the visiting defenders acquitted themselves satisfactorily, while in their attack they displayed skill.

Macao drew blood on the ninth minute, before the interval and the Police evened the score on the ninth minute before the final whistle. Macao shuffled positions before the start of play, Costa going to centre-forward and Fred Nolasco taking inside-right instead of their usual positions. The local side fielded Trigo Silva, G. Silva, F. Rosario, and A. Basto of the 2nd Team, but the resistance was just as stubborn as Macao has ever displayed.

EARLY from bully-off, F. Rosario at outside-left broke through twice but missed two chances. Costa who had been working like a Trojan, brought the ball well up and while Mny Singh fumbled, Fred Nolasco was through at top speed and from an awkward left angle put the ball well beyond Balwant Singh and between the posts.

The Police were seen to better advantage during the second half when the game took on an even faster pace. Fauja Singh was very effective at outside-right passing to centre after several hard struggles. Parker gave valuable support, but was unfortunate to lose a chance, and Wall all but scored.

A well-directed shot by R. Angelo would have augmented the local score but Balwant Singh anticipated perfectly. Brown marked G. Silva and Fred Nolasco, who worked in fine combination on Macao's right flank, and Wall did his full share of work but was unlucky when he had only Basto and Almada to beat.

Alex Almada exhibited stick-work of a "class," and after a pretty solid raid was very unlucky to slip over before the Police goal mouth.

THE EQUALISER
THE POLICE secured their equaliser when a long pass by Fauja Singh from the right found Jasbir Singh ready on the uptake. Almada ran out to meet the attacker, but the centre-forward worked past him with amazing speed. Basto, hastily retreated to cover the goal's position but the well-aimed shot by Jasbir Singh put the issue beyond doubt.

Hongkong Police.—Balwant Singh; Man Singh, Blackburn; Leslie, Mehar Singh, Brown (Capt.); Fauja Singh, Wall, Jasbir Singh, Parker, Narwant Singh.

Macao.—Almada; Rigoberto Rosario, A. Basto; J. Trigo-Silva, Alex Almada, Santos, Forrester, Fred Nolasco, Gustavo, Silva, L. Costa, Reinald Angelo, Fernand Rosario.—Our Own Correspondent.

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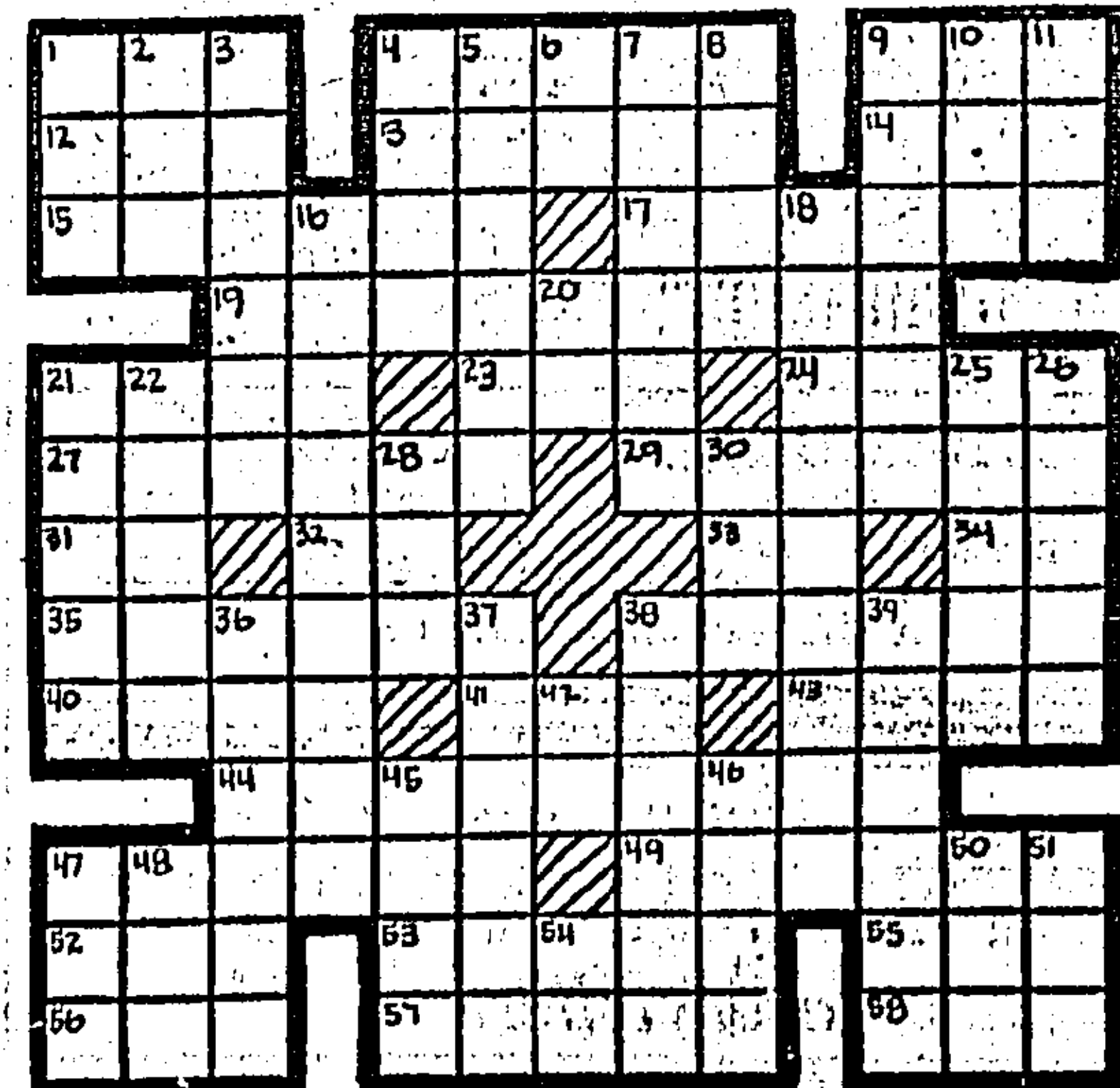
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- Sudden vibration
- Love
- Raw metal deposit
- Western state
- Poured
- Large mammal of Africa
- Covering of face
- Base of decimal system
- Western state
- Assign to
- Father
- Prent; down
- Toward vicinity of
- Made note of
- Bother
- Cell
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- Romans
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- By way of
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- Toward
- Itching
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- Going from place to place
- Flask
- Insipid
- Rise spirits of
- Native of Wales
- Get up
- Part of foot
- Old's name
- Isolate (poetic)
- Excavating machine
- Star by Shakespeare
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By PHILIP JORDAN

"News Chronicle" Correspondent with the B.E.F.

MILITARY policemen stood at every corner past which the Duke of Windsor drove on his tour of the Front to-day, ensuring him a rapid passage through the British sector.

Not since the King was here have such elaborate traffic arrangements been made as those in force this morning; and the only noticeable difference between the two visits was the absence of long lines of troops from the roadside.

Few, indeed, seemed to expect the Duke, for only at corners where traffic arrangements are sufficiently complicated to demand the presence of several men did any "crowds" gather. Most of them were made up of children.

The Duke of Windsor lunched with the Welsh Guards, inspected an R.A.F. headquarters to which airmen of the Auxiliary Air Force are now attached, and also toured part of our forward area.

It has altered beyond recognition since he was last in this area; and had become even more formidable than it was only six weeks ago when the first first began to hammer work.

Behind the front line reserve lines have now been fully developed, and they present both anti-tank obstacles and co-ordinated firepower, potentialities beyond anything dreamed of in the last war.

With divisional experts I made a first tour of some of these reserve lines this morning; and their layout and construction is every evidence of shrewd and skilful planning.

Pill-Boxes.

Driving through the countryside in normal times one would imagine it to be as flat as a billiard table; but when one sees the result of the precise and accurate surveying that has been done the little ridges and the minute rise and fall of the country side are suddenly as clear as though they were mountain ranges.

Every slope has been exploited to the best possible limit, and there is no possible coign of advantage on which a thick concrete pillbox theoretically capable of resisting considerable bombardment has not sprung up with mushroom-like rapidity.

At first sight it seems as though each of these pillboxes had appeared haphazard, but in fact, each one is an integral part of its neighbour's defences, and although they are by no means close together, they form, as a whole, a continuous defensive line of some strength.

Lord Gort has recently returned from a thorough inspection of our sector of the Maginot Line. Apart from the usual slight artillery activity nothing marked the peace of his visit.

NURSE MAY WED SON OF PRESIDENT

THE name of James Roosevelt, President Roosevelt's eldest son, who has obtained a divorce suit at Los Angeles, is being linked romantically with that of a young nurse who attended him during his critical operation last year.

The nurse is a small town publican's daughter—Romelle Theresa Schneider, aged twenty-four.

Romelle is of German-American stock, and a Roman Catholic. Last year she left Independence, Wisconsin, for a nursing career at the famous Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

There she was appointed nurse to James Roosevelt, wealthy heir to the first family in the land. He underwent critical operations, and the constant care of slim, dark-haired Nurse Schneider helped him to pull through.

When he recovered young Roosevelt went to Hollywood to start a film-producing career. Nurse Schneider accompanied him, and they have been seen together at smart social functions.

Friends of the Schneider family in Independence to-day told how Jimmie, as they call Roosevelt, befriended members of Romelle's family, paying for their removal to Eastern America.

"Jimmie did it all," they said. "Jimmie also made Romelle's sister Phyllis his secretary."

Romelle's father died a few years ago.

Mrs. James Roosevelt said to-day she had filed a counter-suit to her husband's divorce.

When the divorce is final will Romelle become Roosevelt's bride? All America is asking this to-day.

WAR BUDGET PLANS Simon to Give Long Speech To Commons

London, Apr. 22.
Sir John Simon will open the first budget war budget in the House of Commons to-morrow. In view of the importance of Britain's financial position and plans for financing the war, it is expected that Sir John Simon's speech will last nearly two hours.

It is understood that the Premier will not make a war statement to-day.

Seamen Vow 'We Shall Never Forget'

Italian Victims
of Nazis

WEEPING unrestrainedly, Italian seamen clustered about the open graves of two of their shipmates in Great Yarmouth and vowed: "Francesco and Salvatore, we shall never forget you. We shall never forget this wicked attack."

Francesco Trotta and Salvatore Spennato were killed when the Italian steamer Amelina Lauro was bombed and set on fire by a Nazi plane in the North Sea.

A VOW.

A Roman Catholic priest conducted their funerals in Latin and in English. Their comrades sprinkled earth on the coffins, then an officer stepped forward and, in Italian, called on them to make their vow.

Addressing them passionately, he declared: "Here were two men in the prime of their lives; one a husband and a father, the other young and robust. They have been killed by a wicked attack. We will never forget it."

Nazis New Boast

Big Air Successes
Claimed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Apr. 22 (UP).—Having wiped the British Grand Fleet off the seas, as claimed by the official news agency yesterday, the Nazis are now boasting of complete air superiority.

To-day, DNB claims the following: "It is now determined that eleven enemy planes—nine British and two French—were shot down on April 21 by anti-aircraft fire and pursuit planes."

"Two British planes were shot down during an attack on the airport at Aalborg, and four others were brought down off the German coast. "Others were downed on the Western Front over some enemy territory."

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: A fair demand for Electric at 56½ prevented the market being absolutely neglected.

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Docks Cum Rts \$22
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Lights \$8.20
Sales
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Electrics \$65½
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RUSSO-JAPANESE CONVERSATIONS

MOSCOW, Apr. 22 (Reuters).—M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner, received Mr. Shigenori Togo, the Japanese Ambassador, on Sunday for the second time within three days.

It is understood that the interview was connected with trade negotiations.

THE QUEEN PAID A VISIT



The Queen talks to a girl about her job in a munition factory.

FOUGHT AT 12 IN LAST WAR

"THEY call me 'Baby,'" roared Sapper Norman Adams, of Winnipeg, "because I weigh seventeen stone—but they don't know the half of it."

Of the thousands of his comrades who pull his leg because of his size, few know that he was the real baby of the last war—Canada's youngest soldier.

He was only twelve and a half years old—a schoolboy in short pants—when he ran away to join up in 1916.

He is so big now that a piece had to be let into the seat of the biggest available battle-dress to fit him out.

Sapper Adams, formerly a fireman in Winnipeg, is in the Royal Canadian Engineers. He and his pals are on five days' "landing" leave in London.

Kidded The Army

"I was a boy in short pants at the Lord Roberts School in Winnipeg when I joined up in the last war," he said.

"I ran away from school; got my young sister to fake my mother's approval signature, and my brother to sign for my father."

"No one found out that I was only twelve, and they made me a bugler in the 22nd Battalion—the 'Bulldogs'."

"After I had been to England for training, I went to France as an infantryman, with the Winnipeg Grenadiers. I fought and was wounded in Flanders."

"After the war I went back home, and became a fireman."

"Many years later I had a letter from the Dominion Government, saying that they had been through the records trying to trace the youngest soldier from Canada in the last war."

"Yes, the baby was me—and I've kept the letter to prove to my pals that I am the real thing."

"I couldn't stay out of this scrap after that, could I?" he added.

U.S. WARSHIPS WATCH R.N.

MANILA, Apr. 22 (Reuters).—Two United States warships have been dispatched to "keep an eye" on a British warship reported to be operating in Philippine waters, according to the "Manila Bulletin."

This action has been taken in accordance with neutrality regulations, the paper says.

Local radio programmes have been interrupted during the past three days by naval authorities recalling personnel to ships.

The naval authorities explained the reason for this as "special exercises." It is learned that last week a British warship requested a coaster to verify its nationality at a point between Manila and Northern Luzon.

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WHITEAWAY'S



Italian Press Starts War-Preparedness Campaign

To fight or not to fight Decision soon

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, April 23 (UP).—Using the watchwords "Work and Arm", the Italian Press began its campaign for Italian preparedness for war to-day. The newspapers stress that Italy's decision whether or not she will enter the war must be made soon and the nation, therefore, must be prepared for war.

Remarkable Allied Successes

NAZIS ISOLATED IN N. NORWAY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (UP).—It is now established, state authorised Norwegian sources, that German troops have been isolated and surrounded at three points in the Narvik region, the Allied success marking the start of a final assault on the town, which began this afternoon.

It is stated that British troops landed at Beis Fjord behind Narvik late in the afternoon and occupied the fishermen's village of Fagernes.

The same sources report that 1,000 troops are now isolated in the town of Narvik; that another 15,000 are surrounded some 30 miles north of Gratangen and that nearly 1,000 more are cut off in the Rombak Heights.

Reports from Roeros in central Norway state that British forces also landed at Romsdals Fjord, from where they advanced to the Dombas junction along the Dovre railway, which they now control entirely.

German Retreat

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRUNA, Apr. 22 (UP).—According to Norwegian refugees arriving in Kiruna, major engagements occurred last Friday between Allied-Norwegian forces and German troops at Oesvattn, which is between Narvik and Tromsø.

The refugees believe that the Germans were driven back, and are now retreating towards their bases at Moelnsalen and Elvergardsmoen.

Allied Assault On Narvik

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (UP).—British and Norwegian troops have surrounded 3,500 Germans in Narvik and are preparing for a final assault on the town.

An official Norwegian spokesman to-day said that when a very large German force moved to the north on the Tromsø Road, to try and interfere with the Allied landing parties, the Norwegians allowed them to advance 30 miles to Gratangen and then burned the hotel and all the buildings and struck across the highway at Aisevatten, cutting off the German retreat to Evergardsmoen.

"Within a few days the entire Narvik region should be in our hands again," the spokesman said.

He added that the Norwegian forces expect to capture the entire German force they have isolated at Gratangen.

NEW TRADE PACT SIGNED

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Rome Radio states that a new German-Rumanian agreement was signed at Bucharest by the German representative, Dr. Karl Ciodius, and the Rumanian Minister of Commerce.

It is added that details will be published in a few days.

RUTHLESS WARFARE TO START

Nazis To Vent Hate On Norway

PARIS, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The next 48 hours may see the start of German "total warfare" by sea and air in Norway as the result of British air raids on Stavanger, Christiansand and Aalborg, says a spokesman of the French War Ministry.

British raids on these aerodromes, he said, were cutting Nazi aerial communications in Scandinavia and forcing the German hand.

Germans In Bad Way

He intimated that the raids were keeping the key aerodromes out of commission.

Allied troops, he said, have the Germans in a very bad way while their own landings are continuing at various points "under satisfactory conditions" despite some German interference.

DUTCH TRAWLER IS SUNK

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

THE HAGUE, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been informed by the Dutch Consul at Emden that the Dutch trawler Bep has been sunk.

The Bep went down in waters in which the Germans had forbidden foreign ships to enter.

All the crew were saved.

Norwegian Ship Founders. It is feared that 20 of the crew of 24 of the Norwegian steamer Bravore have been lost as a result of the sinking of their vessel in a collision off the south-east coast of England yesterday.

The four survivors were landed by lifeboat and are now in hospital.

Soviet Naval Manoeuvres

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Apr. 22 (UP).—The Moscow Radio to-night announced that the Soviet naval exercises have begun at Vladivostok, in which Soviet bombing planes are participating.

In addition, naval exercises are being carried out in the Black Sea.

Prepared for war.

"Italy knows what she must do and will make all her weight tell," declares "La Tribuna".

Ready To Go To War

"Italy is ready to go to war if the circumstances compel her to do so."

"There are contrasting opinions abroad on Italy's position, but we know what we must do."

"All Italian people who are working for Italy's greatness are ready to face the supreme test."

"We are ready to destroy everything daring to offer opposition to Italy's greatness."

The Time Has Come

The "Informazioni del Giorno" says that Italy has done her utmost to prevent the war spreading. Now the time has come for Italy to prepare for whatever may come."

"Tevere" says: "The day of decision is approaching with long strides."

"Any situation in the Mediterranean which does not permit Italy to expand must change."

"A nation must either grow according to its own strength or else die."

"A nation must either go backwards or forwards. There can be no period of rest."

"A moment of alternative always comes in the history of a nation."

Facing The Alternative

"To-day, the Italian people again find themselves facing the alternative. Italy's power has increased greatly, but her space is still the same."

"It is clear that this situation must be radically changed."

"The day of decision is rapidly approaching."

The "Lavoro Fascista" launches an appeal to Italian workers to avoid waste, especially of iron.

"The nation which possesses iron will fulfil its natural aspirations," the workers' newspaper says.

"Popolo d'Italia" launches a bitter attack on Britain's war aims and on the Allied blockade.

Turkey's Preparedness

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ISTANBUL, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Turkish Government has submitted a Bill to the Assembly, empowering authorities who will be designated later to declare a State of Siege if necessary.

The Bill will eliminate the necessity of seeking Assembly approval for such action in an emergency.

Mrs. Whitmore, of 142 Waterloo Road, reports that about 4 p.m. on Sunday while she was driving along Tai Po Road near the 7 1/2 mile stone she collided with another car which was parked on the wrong side of the road. The cars sustained slight damage.

Exhibitors throughout the country have expressed their unwillingness to these terms.

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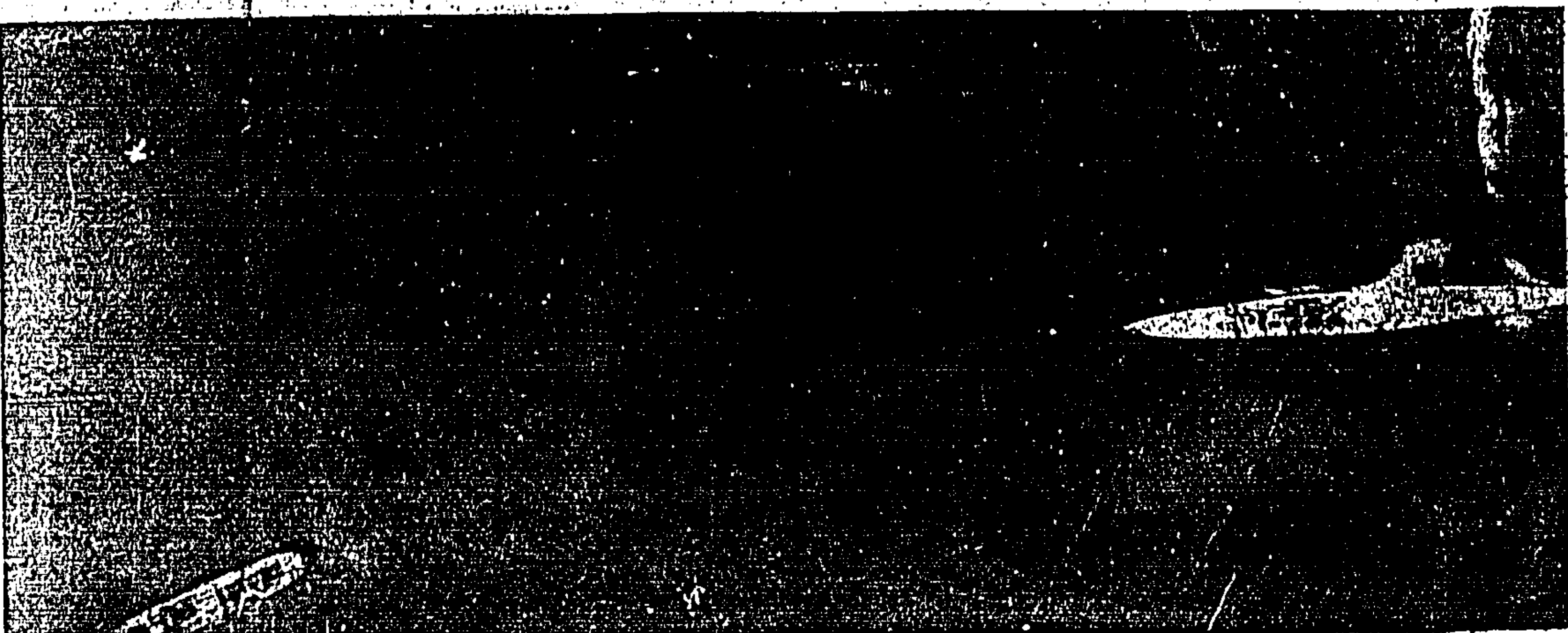
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R.A.F. RAIDS ON NORWAY



American Admiral's Startling Declaration

WAR BETWEEN JAPAN AND U.S. IS INEVITABLE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (UP).—That he believed a war between Japan and the United States to be inevitable was the startling declaration made by Admiral K. Taussig to-day when he testified before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

He said that Japan is formulating a desperate situation in the Far East as a prelude to a programme of conquest whereby Japan hopes to impose her philosophy as much as the world as possible.

He added that he believed, without reservation, the memorial which the former Japanese Premier, Baron Tanaka was reported to have sent to the Emperor of Japan in 1927 in which he gave details of Japan's world conquest, which was to be made "after first crushing the United States."

War Ultimately

Continuing, Admiral Taussig declared: "I cannot see how we can ultimately prevent being drawn into a war on account of the Far Eastern situation. We would be warranted in using economic and financial means, and if necessary, force to preserve the integrity of China."

"Japan is a nation of determined warlike people, whose pledges are worthless."

He asserted that the United States' only hope was to build such an invincible navy that Japan could never challenge it, and also to strongly fortify the Philippines and Guam, as well as to build a huge merchant marine service, and to co-operate with the British and French to maintain the status quo in the Far East.

Plan To Invade Philippines

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R.A.F. photograph taken near Christiansand, in Norway. It shows a German merchant vessel with the hatches open and a cruiser of the Kohn class. This, the R.A.F. believes, may be the cruiser which was sunk later.

Note the staggered after part and the single turret forward with triple guns—an outstanding feature of this class of warship. The swastika astern shows clearly.—British Official Photograph, Crown Copyright Reserved.

TOKYO'S PLIGHT

No Water In Month's Time Is Prospect

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Apr. 22 (UP).—Tokyo city engineers estimate that unless substantial rains come immediately, Tokyo will be without water within a month.

Municipal water supply officials are making daily pilgrimages to the shrines of the Water-God, soliciting his aid.

The waters of the Murayama and Yamaguchi reservoirs have receded during the past week to such an extent that the bottoms of the lakes are exposed like deserts.

Housewives have been co-operating somewhat following an appeal by the water commissioners.

Grave Daily Shortage

The usual daily consumption of water in Tokyo is 600,000 tons, which has now been reduced to 480,000 tons.

Additional supplies are being sought in Okazaki Park—the reservoir of the Yodo days—as well as the Edo River, and also by underground pumping.

However, despite the economies being practised and the new water sources available, there is still a deficit of 100,000 tons of water daily.

LATEST

ANGLO-JAPANESE TRADE TREATY PROPOSED

TOKYO, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—In connection with the economic blockade of Germany, Britain has proposed the conclusion of a trade agreement with Japan, according to the "Nichi Nichi".

The paper points out that the sterling bloc countries constitute Japan's most important export markets.

The London correspondent of the "Nichi Nichi" says that "well-informed circles

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Man Drove Car Without Any Engine

Police Court Sequel To Accident

Unusual circumstances surrounded a traffic accident in Garden Road recently when a car collided with a wall of St. John's Cathedral and broke a water pipe.

As a result of the mishap, a man named Au Chi was summoned before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistrate's Court today for driving without an appropriate driver's licence. Au was absent, and his representative said he had left Hongkong this morning and would be returning in about two weeks' time.

No Engine

Traffic Sub-Inspector Clarke said the car had been bought by a marine store dealer for scrap purposes. The vehicle had no engine and was taken from Conduit Road to Garden Road merely by someone pushing from behind or by allowing the car to glide down the slope.

As the car was going down Garden Road, the man who was steering lost control of the car and it crashed into a wall of the Cathedral.

Case Adjourned

Referring to the handling of the car in the condition it was in, the Sub-Inspector said it was a most dangerous thing to do as there was no engine to give any necessary retarding power. The defendant happened to be in the driver's seat and had no driving licence and knew nothing about driving a car.

Saying that he was not prepared to take evidence in the absence of defendant, His Worship adjourned the case for two weeks.

Other Cases

Dealing with another traffic summons, Mr. Sheldon imposed a fine of \$20 on Lam Yau-ming who admitted driving a private car in a manner dangerous to the public by failing to drive on the left side of Caine Road and thereby nearly colliding with another vehicle proceeding in the opposite direction.

Sub-Inspector Clarke said he was following a car in Caine Road and was travelling from west to east. Defendant's car came from the other direction and went over to the wrong side of the road, almost causing an accident. The Sub-Inspector said the car in front of him had to pull up to avoid a mishap.

Sub-Inspector Clarke also said that defendant had told him that he had gone to the wrong side of the road to attract the attention of a friend who was in a car coming from the other direction.

Dr. G. T. Boleen was fined \$5 by Mr. Sheldon for driving a car in Caine Road from 8.10 p.m. to 11.45 p.m., this being in excess of the time limit. Dr. Boleen sent a representative to Court.

TRAFFIC CASE DISMISSED

Mr. N. A. E. Mackay, of the "China Mail," was summoned before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on a charge of driving without due care and caution along Nathan Road near Bowring Street on March 21.

Mackay pleaded not guilty. Traffic Sgt. Clarke said that the only evidence the Police had was a statement given by Mr. Mackay. Mr. Macfadyen said the Police had only circumstantial and not substantial evidence. The case was dismissed.

BICYCLIST IN COLLISION

Mrs. Bowrey, of 57 Granville Road was the complainant, in a case against Cheung Shun, 20, who was charged with driving his bicycle without due care and caution near the Central British School yesterday.

Cheung was said to have collided with Mr. Bowrey, who had his trousers torn and sustained slight injuries to his legs.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON &
CO., LTD.
General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th April, 1940.

MURDER CHARGE RE-TRIAL

Sequel To Detective's Misstatement

Lam Cheung-hing, 25, was retried before the Police Judge, Mr. Justice Lindsay, at the Criminal Sessions this morning for the murder of Lam Hing at Hunghom on January 29.

It will be recalled that the case originally went before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the March Sessions. Sir Atholl ordered a retrial after a misstatement by the Chinese detective who arrested the accused, as his Lordship considered it had prejudiced the trial.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, and Mr. H. Somers Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. A. Y. Ho, appeared for Lam.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. T. B. Williams (foreman), Chung Kam-tong, L. A. Dabstein, E. R. Butcher, H. Mok, A. Dennee and Wong Shun-him.

Crown Case Outlined

Mr. Murphy said accused and deceased were clansmen and at one time lived together at No. 8 Gillic Avenue, Hunghom, where accused had a bean sprouts and bean curd stall. They had been on very friendly terms.

The murder, continued Mr. Murphy, arose out of what appeared to be a trivial quarrel over accused's stock-in-trade. Early in January, accused was unable to pay his rent and he argued with his co-tenant, named Tang Lee to take over his business on payment of two months' rent, amounting to \$9.60. Tang agreed but several days afterwards, accused told him deceased wanted to run the business. Tang also agreed on the return of the \$9.60, which was paid by deceased, and on the condition that Chiu Chiu-yung, deceased's wife, opened the stall for business on behalf of her husband and herself. Accused showed her how to run it, but from then until the day of the murder, the woman ran the business without any help from accused and apparently without any opposition from him.

Fatal Quarrel

A quarrel arose between accused and deceased on January 29, when the deceased took away two earthenware jars, and this was objected to by the accused who said he had only sold his business but not the stock-in-trade. After an exchange of words, they came to blows. Accused was seen jabbing at the deceased, but none of the several persons in the shop at the time saw any weapon in the hands of either of them.

Accused subsequently ran out of the shop, followed by the deceased who, however, never caught up with him for, after running some distance, he collapsed and died on the spot.

It was later found that deceased had 14 stab wounds, including three deep ones. Death was due to the wounds and haemorrhage.

When accused was arrested, he made a statement to the detective. He said, "It was I who stabbed him to death. If it were not so, you would not arrest me." When formally charged, he made a long statement to the effect that deceased had hired assassins to kill him and had struck him first with a knife.

The case is proceeding.

SWEDISH BOATS ATTACKED

Machine-Gun Outrage By Nazi Plane

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Two Swedish fishing boats were machine-gunned by a German plane in territorial waters on Monday off the west coast of Sweden.

The plane flew low to attack. According to the owners, the nationality of both vessels was clearly marked and could not escape observation at the height at which the attacking plane flew.

PARIS, Apr. 24 (UP).—An additional 74 militant communists were arrested in the western suburbs of Paris yesterday.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1890.
M. Goubert, the celebrated engineer, and inventor of submarine boats, proposed to the French Minister of Marine to build half a dozen submarines for the purpose of attacking the Dover Straits and to establish a regular service between Calais and Dover, which would be the use of people who dreaded sea-sickness. The Minister declined on the ground of the danger of an enemy submarine, whereupon Goubert tried to arrange with the British Government to build and operate a submarine, which, being opposed to tunnel bridges, would be the only way of crossing the Straits of Dover, and would be the only way of crossing the Straits of Dover, and would be the only way of crossing the Straits of Dover.

A correspondent in Berlin writes that it is probable that the Kaiser's open question raised as to the sanity of the present Emperor, who had indulged in so many fantastic and unpractical ideas, was answered by the Kaiser himself, who said: "I am sane, but I am beginning to tire of my conduct. One of the reasons of my conduct was the publication by the Emperor himself of a statement that the Kaiser was sane, but I am beginning to tire of my conduct. One of the reasons of my conduct was the publication by the Emperor himself of a statement that the Kaiser was sane, but I am beginning to tire of my conduct."

According to the Polish press, famine has already broken out in Austria's great Polish province of Galicia.

A letter from Sir Samuel Baker to "The Times" censures the policy of Great Britain in abandoning the Sudan, and says that the Sudan is a vast country, and that the Sudan is a vast country, and that the Sudan is a vast country.

25 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1915.
The German artillery which held the range, and the French held the range, and the French held the range, and the French held the range, and the French held the range.

Field Marshal Sir John French in his bulletin says that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

German wireless reports state that 20,000 Allied troops have landed at Enos, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

M. Augagneur, the Minister of Marine, has returned from a tour in the north of France in the course of which he has visited the front, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

"Eye-witness" at the British Headquarters in the course of some details concerning the capture of the German trench, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

During the course of operations the German bombers dropped 17 inch shells, and exploded 17 inch shells, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

Thirty eight years ago to-day war was declared between Turkey and Russia, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

Once again Sir Edward Grey has endeavoured to lay to rest the suspicion or apprehensions of a certain section of the community as regards the Empire's interests in the Far East, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

According to yesterday's wire, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs gave a jog to the memory of those who were pointing out what should have been borne in mind from the beginning that Britain's policy is governed by the interests of the Empire, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

10 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1930.
S. S. Bransland. Offers are invited for purchase of the wreck of the German liner, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

Shanghai is apparently determined not to lose its unique distinction of being practically the only big city in the world today which does not admit of foreign representatives to the meetings of its Municipal Council, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

The recent gathering of amateur radio transmitters and the growing attention being paid to the question of short wave stations are highly encouraging features in the spread of interest in wireless in Hongkong.

5 YEARS AGO

April 23, 1935.
On the fifth May next the British Empire is giving thanks and praise that for 25 years the Majesty of Great Britain has been preserved to the Empire, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed, and that the German attacks on the Marne have been repulsed.

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WAR BETWEEN JAPAN AND U.S. IS INEVITABLE

FROM PAGE ONE

we can possibly let Japan go into the Philippines.

He urged the building of impregnable bases at Manila and Guam, and said the present Manila Bay defences are inadequate and would be easily captured in the event of war.

Regarding her previous policy, he said, the United States should help the Philippines. If they are attacked, but he admitted that the only way to accomplish this would be "to go to war."

Further, he predicted that if Germany wins the war in Europe the Totalitarianism will "put the squeeze on the United States as sure as Fate."

Senator Lucas asked the Admiral whether American should join other Powers in fighting Japan to maintain China's integrity, to which, Admiral Tausig replied: "We are signatories of a treaty to maintain Chinese integrity."

Personal Views

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22 (UP).—Asked to comment on Admiral Tausig's testimony before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee to-day, Mr. Cordell Hull told the press that the Admiral was expressing his own personal views.

Mr. Hull related that the official United States policy has already been well defined.

He also indicated that the United States will not ask the Philippines Legislature to liberalise the proposed Immigration legislation.

The Legislature, he said, has jurisdiction in such matters, and the United States will not undertake to dictate to the Commonwealth or even bring pressure concerning matters deemed to be the Commonwealth's own affairs.

Worthless Promises

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Reuter).—Rear-Admiral Tausig, former Assistant Chief of Naval Operations, addressing the Senate Naval Committee to-day, stated that Japan's promises in international relations "are worthless" and that Japan is "seeking to impose her culture on the world by force."

He further stated that the trend of developments in the Far East might eventually force the United States to a war against Japan.

Assessing that Japan was expressing only his own viewpoint, Admiral Tausig said: "We would be warranted in using economic and financial means and, if necessary, force, to preserve the integrity of China."

Expansion Warning

Saying that even if Japan conquered China she would still lack essentials such as oil, rubber and tin, Admiral Tausig expressed the opinion that Japan "must seek to expand in the Dutch Indies and the Philippines."

Admiral Tausig continued: "But we should not be placed in a position of having to carry on a single-handed war against Japan."

He suggested that Britain, France and the Netherlands should give assistance. "It should be a naval war," he said, "and Japan and Japan can't invade the United States."

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A TORK ABOUT JOGGRAPHY

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natralisation in hongkong there is a lot of natralisation, lots of rushins an' zecks an' narstys an' lots of uver fancy religjns an' wnts ter be british but i ave got a idee that wen the litle ole in-cum tax bloke gits pole they will orl want ter change back agen.

but torkin' abart joggraphy, in hongkong there is a lot of orstrelly, orstrelly is a 'lind orl the coast of hongkong, the chest an' mals there is kangeroos boomerangs an' anizes, the nashunal partime is "two up"

orstrelly is near the duch east indees wiv i see in ther noospaper is now called the duch gibralter an' the peupul there dont want sookeyald ter ther nashunal partime.

gibralter is a strait on the west coast of frunce an' is famous for its buifull rock, the british took gibralter an' put a lot of guns an' apes on it, the uver peupul are proud of 'em becuz they are the only apes in gibralter.

hongkong 'as also been called annuver gibralter wiv i flnk abart becuz there is a lot of apes 'ere too, most of the peupul in hongkong are Chinese which cums from china, ther nashunal partime is cumsnash an' the call of the east wiv the mornin post calls tubeleroos, they was once civilised and shaved 'air their 'eads and nashunal 'air their brain was covered wiv 'air an' got 'ol an' the uver 'air was naked an' got cold—that wiv the chinees cant flnk proper.

china is necks dore to rusher wiv is a carnivorous cuntry, indberg is the capital of rusher, and the nashunal partime is bosh an' mickley flms.

rusher is necks dore to germen wiv is famous for odour colous an' assodges, they also tries ter make beer, germen is a industrial cuntry becuz the pore peupul 'ave nuthin ter do so they makes a lot of factories.

the cuntry is managed by a privat company called a flter & co, wot goes in fer real estate in a big way.

germeny is 'avin a war wiv england wiv is a litle bit of dirt orl the coast of france, england is famous for chamberlains an' fox 'untin, the nashunal partime is 'yorkshire pudden an' allsops.

france is famous for its litle bits of 'orlright, 'e corlume i kin remember wen me an' ole alf in the larst war goes to parre ter do a bit of parlywool.

He tell yer abart that necks time

Staff Chiefs

Changes

Switch Over Made To
Relieve Strain

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that several changes are being made to relieve the strain upon the Chiefs of Staffs.

General Sir John Dill, who is at present commanding the First Army corps in France, has been appointed to be Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Vice-Admiral Tom. S. V. Phillips and Air Marshal R. E. Peirse, who are at present Deputy Chiefs of the Naval and Air Staffs respectively, have been appointed to be Vice-Chiefs.

War Cabinet Deputies

The holders of the new posts will be members of the Board of the Admiralty, the Army Council, and the Air Council respectively, and will be available to attend the meetings of the War Cabinet at which the Chiefs of Staff are unable to be present.

It is understood that Sir Charles Craven will be a member of the Air Council, and will assist Air Marshal Sir Wilfrid Freeman, who heads the production drive necessitating the starting of new factories and the employment of thousands of more men in aircraft production and the creation of new aerodromes throughout the country.

In this connection it is understood that the Empire Air Training Scheme is coming well up to expectations.

have been photographing the Swedish defences "so that they can bomb them more easily." If ever Hitler decided to invade Sweden.

Referring to the Swedish protest to Berlin, the "News Chronicle" comments: "The Swedes are wise" to adopt this strong and independent attitude. The Swedes have a strong army, powerful defences and a resolute spirit.

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MAGAZINE PAGE

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I wish you'd stop that shagging long enough to let the custard set!"

Something about YOU

WHEN the war started, gloom came over England. It was as though Royalty had died.

Those who wanted to do a show, see a football match, or swirl a fifty cent in the local palaces de danse were unlucky.

Then, quite suddenly, people started having fun again.

And the gurgling, wailing, sob of the saxophone and other strange orchestral instruments spill the ceiling plaster once more in the dance haunts of Hammersmith and Tooting.

In fact, at the present rate of progress the dance band musician is doing more to win the war than 75 per cent. of the young men in battle dress.

On what authority can I make such an assertion?

Where do we get these ideas? They come from a new book called "War Begins at Home," published by Chatto and Windus at 6s. 6d. and compiled by the many spies who belong to the organisation Miss Observation.

Chapter Nine of this book records that on the outbreak of war dancing stopped in every big city throughout the country.

It had to. Public proprietors and social promoters had no choice. They were told to pack up.

But gradually common sense prevailed.

At first the dance halls reopened for brief sessions only. Then came extended times. And managers were able to record that they were doing even better than in peacetime.

Britain had begun to dance her way through the war.

In the West End, smart people complained because the faces of famous bands were missing from hotels and restaurants.

They returned. And the smart set returned to the limelight, too.

On the radio new tunes, topical and haunting, began to make their appearance.

They were different from the jangling, jingling song-hits of 1914-1918.

They were polished, sophisticated, swiny.

Somehow there was nothing you could roar out in choruses like "Tipperary" and "Pack Up Your Troubles."

But you could DANCE to them and sing the words softly as you danced.

Quite early in the war, you realised we were going to dance our way to Victory.



THERE is a movement in Scandinavia to encourage Leon Trotsky to find his way into Russia by one of the back doors.

The men of the Northern countries would like to see Trotsky wreak his revenge on his comrade Stalin. They say his eyes flame with hatred at mention of Stalin. He hates the present government of the U.S.S.R. with fiercer bitterness than he hated the regime of the Tsars.

In a sense it may be said that Leon Trotsky—one-time world pariah and famous international publicist of to-day—holds the confidence of the world.

TO-DAY and every day Trotsky is sitting at his piled-up desk in a lonely old house guarded by twelve detectives outside the Villa Hermosa, Mexico.

Great mountains shut in that strange homestead near the Guatemalan border. The man at the desk has dead white hair and beard. He looks tired, but his activity is of the old feverish tempo.

Much of his time is spent in adding yet further chapters to his monumental work, The History of the Russian Revolution. The new chapters reveal the grim intentions, the aspirations and policy of the man who now rules Russia.

Behind Trotsky's desk stands a safe. In that safe are locked papers, which, says the exile, will one day when his book is finished throw a fearful light on Stalin's rise to power.

"Beware of Joseph Stalin, the man with the steel eyes," said Lenin as he lay dying. Lenin died with Stalin as his successor more than he dreaded death. He warned Trotsky how the "Man of Steel" might one day enslave the makers of the Russian Revolution.

BUT Trotsky is engaged on something more than placing Stalin in the world pillory. His net is still world wide. He still wields a peculiar power. Nobody knows what the man at the Villa Hermosa is thinking. He is a sphinx, except to the inner circle of the mysterious Fourth International.

Hunted out of every country in Europe and refused a home in

STALIN'S WORST ENEMY

By JUAN RICCI

"Red troops are fighting among themselves, often shooting their commanders and fleeing," say reports from the Finnish Front.

Is LEON TROTSKY, in his Mexican villa, planning counter-revolution?

many others. Trotsky was at last granted a hearing place by President Cardenas in the state of Tabasco, chiefly because of its remoteness and inaccessibility.

There he writes for the American Press, adds chapter after chapter to his great history, and occasionally broadcasts to the U.S.A. As for his writings, it was Winston Churchill who said that Trotsky was the best paid writer in the English language.

On his desk stands a microphone normally used as a paper weight which can be hooked up to the American broadcasting chains via telephone cable to Mexico City at a few minutes' notice.

At the time of the famous Moscow trials of the British engineers, Trotsky was to broadcast to all America, denouncing the Soviet rulers. From his desk he spoke fiercely into his microphone, but nobody in the States heard him.

Some mysterious agent had cut the telephone cable to Mexico City. Around Trotsky's study are scores of book shelves and files. Every day an aeroplane delivers letters, books and newspapers, and three secretaries deal with the vast correspondence which he maintains as dictator of the Fourth International, whose adherents are to be found in every quarter of the globe.

The most important of Trotsky's three secretaries is a saffron-skinned, bony, dark-haired personage, always addressed as Mr. Smith. He speaks English, Spanish, German, Russian and French with bewildering fluency, so that nobody

knows his true nationality. Though in prosperous circumstances, Mr. Smith looks famished and his burning eyes add to the effect. This one man is the link by code and cipher with the Trotskyists of the world.

If Trotsky ever goes back to Russia Mr. Smith will be his right-hand man. A room overlooking the garden terrace of the Villa Hermosa is called the "room of souvenirs." Here are stored documents amassed over a period of nearly thirty years of exile.

Besides a number of false passports, used during the Tsarist regime, there is a release warrant in Trotsky's real name, Lew Davidovich Bronstein.

ALL visitors to the Villa Hermosa are closely examined by the Mexican police.

One fairly frequent visitor is Max Hasman, a painter, whose wife is the sister of none other than Karylenko, who made himself infamous as the People's Commissar for Justice during the series of sensational trials in the Soviet some years ago.

Karylenko signed the death warrants of many of Trotsky's friends. He suddenly disappeared about two years ago and is almost certain to have been "liquidated."

For some time since the death of his son Sedov in Paris Trotsky was convinced that attempts might be made on his life. Lately he has got over his fears.

Nevertheless, in the evening the shutters of his study are closed tightly and no light is to be seen from outside. Trotsky has no wish to be shot while he is explaining his part in the Revolution.

BOOKS: by Monica Dickens

This Man Should Be Spanked

GILBERT FRANKAU, who has been deservedly called "A Prince of Story-tellers," was once nicknamed, equally deservedly, by a newspaper columnist, "Filbert Swan-kau."

He reveals this, among other proofs of a staggering and, one suspects slightly exaggerated, conceit, in his "Self-Portrait," a novel of his life (Hutchinson, 10s. 6d.).

The only adjective I can think of to describe this book is "cheeky." He takes shameless delight in chronicling, with no sentiment and a great deal of humour, the brazen examples of his devil-may-care egotism.

He forestalls outside criticism by unrepentant self-criticism. "England's most voluble and self-opinionated author," he calls himself, and says that, as a young man, "I could never see anybody's point of view but my own," and "My main love, my overwhelming passion, was for myself."

It is almost as if he dared you to like him, at the same time defying you to disapprove. The result is that you do like him, exceedingly, but with a faint feeling that it is neither for his good nor yours that you should.

You feel that if he were your son, you would have spanked him several times during his irresponsible career, but he would probably have taken the wind out of your sails beforehand, by acknowledging and glorying in his naughtiness,



Gilbert Frankau

and then disarmed you completely, by making you laugh.

Naughtily he certainly is, but he has a way of shocking that makes me feel he could tell a questionable story to an archbishop and get away with it.

He has certainly got away with the rather audacious story of his own life, and the reputation that his books have given him of being a first-class story-teller has not been betrayed.

THERE is none of that rather forced reminiscencing that makes so many autobiographies so dreary. Like Frankau's "Peter Jackson" stories, and all his novels, this is what one of his typical characters would call "a rattling good tale," and includes some highly diverting anecdotes of various great men—Kipling, Maugham, Arnold Bennett, Michael Arlen, among others.

My favourite, however, is the saucy account of a verbal fray that he had with H. G. Wells, who, he says, "looked me over as though I were a specimen out of a bottle."

Half way through the book, the thought was forming in my mind: "The man's a cad!" But on the very next page, he managed, by boldly putting my thought into words, to make me completely reverse my verdict.

He overheard one man say to another: "What do you think of young Gilbert?" And he quotes the answer with a glorious relish, as being: "Well, his father was a gentleman."

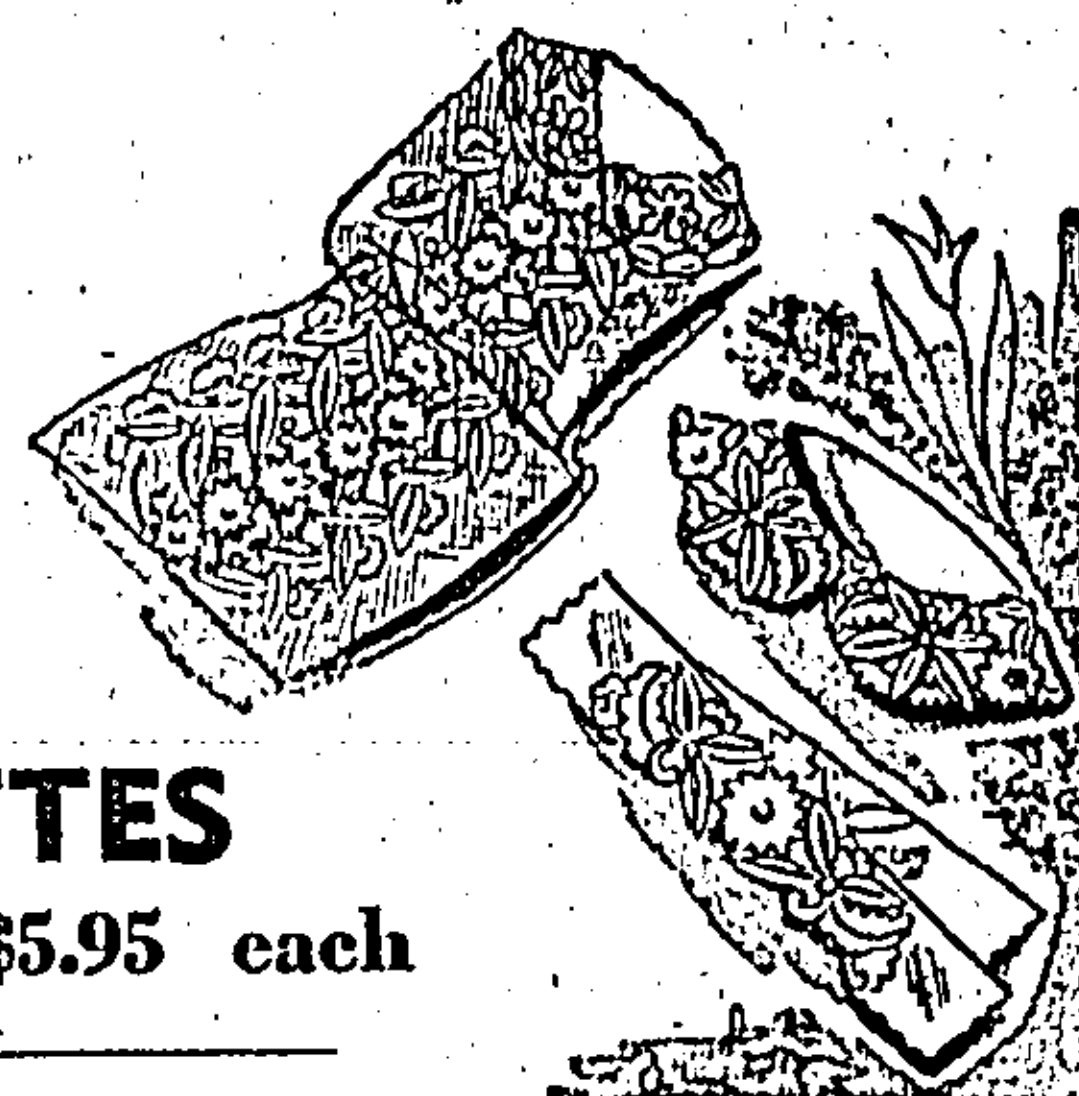
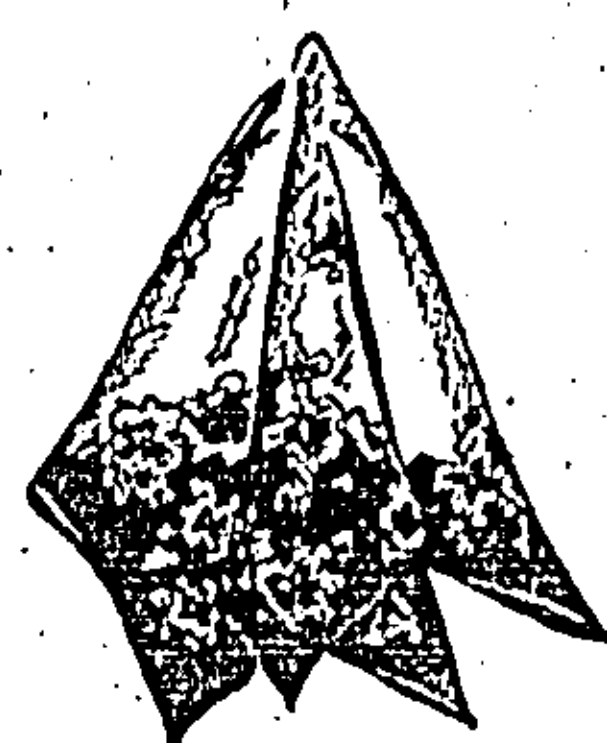
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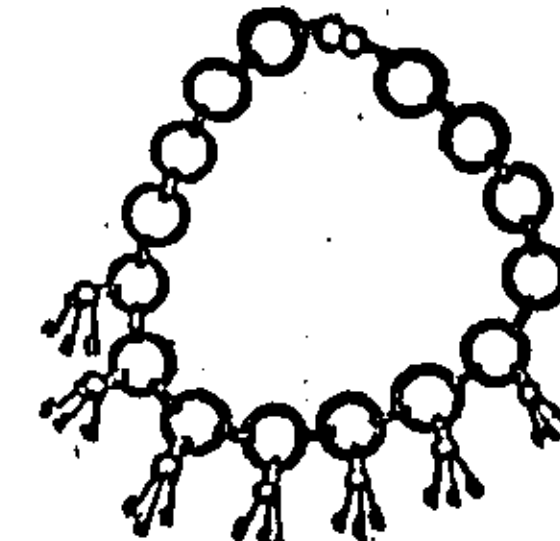


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Sir Neville Henderson — INSTALMENT TWO —

How Hitler planned to win over British opposition to his European plans until he was ready to attack the British Empire is explained to-day.

Sir Neville was British Ambassador in Germany from May, 1937, until September, 1939, and in this dramatic story, "My Two Years with Hitler," he is telling, EXCLUSIVELY in the "Hongkong Telegraph," the historic sequence of events that led up to the war.

Yesterday he described his first meetings with Hitler, with the comment, "It was always my fate to find him in a temper." Of Ribbentrop, whose influence on Hitler he described as sinister, he wrote, "History will attribute a large share of the blame for September, 1939, to him."

THE FIRST of my purely personal efforts to improve relations with the Nazi rulers of Germany had been a speech of friendship which I had made at a dinner given to me in May, 1937.

The second was my attendance at the Nuremberg Party rally in September.

No British, French or United States Ambassador had hitherto gone to Nuremberg, on the ground that as a Party Day it would not be regarded as a purely official meeting.

For the first time, my French colleague, M. Francois-Poncet, Mr. Gilbert, the United States Charge d'Affaires, and myself, were authorised in 1937 by our respective Governments to attend the Rally.

Nobody who has not witnessed the various displays given at Nuremberg during the week's Rally, or been subjected to the atmosphere there, can be said to be fully acquainted with the Nazi movement in Germany.

I attended a review of the Party leaders, 140,000 in number and representing at that time over two million members of the Party.

I was present at a rally of the Hitler Youth, 48,000 strong, with 5,000 girls, and at a supper party to Herr Himmler's S.S. camp of 25,000 blackshirts. I had talks with Hitler himself, Neurath, Goering and Goebbels, as well as a number of other less important personages.

The displays themselves were most impressive. That of the party leaders (or heads of the party organisations in the towns and villages throughout the country) took place in the evening at eight p.m. in the stadium, or Zeppelinfeld.

Dressed in their brown shirts, these 140,000 men were drawn up in six great columns with passages between them.

Hitler himself arrived at the far entrance of the stadium, some four hundred yards from the platform, and accompanied by several hundred of his followers, marched on foot up the central passage to his appointed place.

My Impression of Nuremberg

His arrival was theatrically notified by the sudden turning into the air of the 300 or more searchlights with which the stadium was surrounded.

The blue-tinted light from these met thousands of feet up in the air at the top to make a kind of square roof, to which a chance cloud gave added realism.

The effect, which was both solemn and beautiful, was like being inside a cathedral of ice.

At the word of command the standard bearers then advanced from out of sight at the far end, up the main line and over the further tiers and up the four side lanes.

A certain proportion of these standards had electric lights on their shafts, and the spectacle of these five rivers of red and gold rippling forward under the dome of blue light, in complete silence, through the massed formations of brown shirts, was indescribably picturesque.

I had spent six years in St. Petersburg before the war in the best days of the old Russian ballet, but in grandiose beauty I have never seen a ballet to compare with it.

The German, who has a highly developed herd instinct, is perfectly happy when he is wearing a uniform, marching in step and singing in chorus, and the Nazi revolution has certainly known how to appeal to these instincts.

Hess the Inscrutable

As a display of aggregate strength it was ominous; as a triumph of mass organisation combined with beauty it was superb.

The review of the Hitler Youth was no less an object lesson from an observer's point of view. Standards, music and singing again played a big part in the performance, and the fervour of youth was much in evidence. The speeches on that occasion were made by Hitler, Hess and Baldur von Schirach, the leader of the Hitler Youth.

Rudolph Hess was the Fuehrer's deputy.

In a sense, he seemed to me to be a sort of adopted son to Hitler, and on the outbreak of war he was named as second after Goering in the order of succession to the leadership of the German nation.

In less troublous times he might well have been named first, but his authority with the Army would scarcely have been great enough in war time to hold the balance between the soldiers and the Nazi Party.

Tall and dark, with beetling eyebrows, a famous smile, and ingratiating manners, Hess was perhaps the most attractive looking of the leading Nazis.

He was not inclined to be talkative, and in conversation did not convey the impression of great ability.

I would have summed him up as aloof and inscrutable, with a strong fanatical streak.

At the Youth Rally it was Von Schirach's speech which, in spite of its painfully adulatory references to the Fuehrer, impressed me most.

One part of it surprised me when, addressing the boys, he said, "I do not know if you are Protestants or Catholics; but that you believe in God—that I do know."

I had been under the impression that all reference to religion was discouraged among the Hitler Youth.

Theoretically, however, in spite of the revolt against the sacred books of the Jews religion was free to the Hitler Youth; but, where and whenever it was possible to do so, it was in practice discouraged by various effective methods.

Sinister and Menacing Scene

The God of the Hohenzollerns had not saved Germany from defeat in 1918, and though God might still be worshipped, it must be a purely German one, to whom Hitler was so closely allied as to be barely distinguishable from the Deity Himself.

Hitler himself in his speeches constantly referred to the Almighty. He was not an atheist, but merely pro-Hitler and anti-Christian.

In the course of one of my interviews with him we touched upon the subject of the religion. He was at the moment incensed against certain English bishops for supporting the case of Pastor Niemoller.

He would not, he shouted, brook any further interference by English Churchmen in the religious affairs of Germany.

It was their meddling, he said, which had caused him to give orders for Niemoller to be put in a concentration camp after he had been set at liberty by the tribunal which had tried him for sedition.

If, he continued, any English bishops tried to come to Germany they would be turned back at the frontier; and he concluded with the astounding statement that "Nowhere was religion freer than in Germany."

It was the sort of remark to which I never was able to find an answer, nor would it have served any purpose if I had.

GOERING threatens the BRITISH EMPIRE



His own National-Socialist religion, as he conceived it with its German God was free, and that was all he cared for.

Furthermore, he could always make himself believe whatever he said.

It was this kind of attitude which made ordinary conversation and argument with him, and his imitator Ribbentrop, so difficult and unsatisfactory.

The supper in a great tent in Herr Himmler's S.S. Police Camp at Nuremberg was equally instructive in another sense.

During supper a number of songs were sung by a chorus of Blackshirts, and after it there was a tattoo for the lowering of the Swastika camp flag.

The music, as well as the bearing and drill of the special colour party, was exceptionally good. The S.S. played a big part in ruling Germany for Hitler, and they were picked men of powerful physique.

"But," as I wrote at the time, "the camp in the darkness, dimly lit by flares, with the black uniforms in the silent background and the drums and trumpets lent to the scene a sinister and menacing impression. I felt, indeed, as if I were back in the days of Wallenstein and the Thirty Years' War in the seventeenth century."

Herr Hitler was more friendly to me personally on that occasion than on any of the others on which I saw him. He was undoubtedly pleased at the attendance for the first time of the British, French, and American representatives, and he indicated that he attributed this innovation to my initiative.

As it happened, I had had a long talk with Dr. Goebbels at lunch that day on the subject of our respective Presses, and I told Hitler so. There was nothing very new in that talk, and up to the last the Press problem remained insoluble, but Goebbels had been friendly and sensible. The "little doctor" was probably the most intelligent, from a pure-

ly brain point of view, of all the Nazi leaders. He never speechified; he always saw and stuck to the point; he was an able debater and, in private conversation, astonishingly fair minded and reasonable. Personally, whenever I had the chance, I found pleasure in talking to him.

In appearance and in character he was a typical little Irish agitator, and was, in fact, probably of Celtic origin. He came from the Rhineland and had been educated in a Jesuit school.

He was a slip of a man, but, in spite of his slight deformity, he had given proof of great courage when he fought the Communists in Berlin and won the capital for Hitler and Nazism.

When, however, he was on a public platform or had a pen in his hand no gall was too bitter and no lie too blatant for him.

Baron von Neurath, whom I saw the following day, was more forthcoming than Hitler. He told me that he found his Fuehrer less resentful and more anxious for an understanding with Britain than he had been for a long time past. He did not, however, encourage me to think that Hitler would reopen the question of his visit to London.

I remember that I asked him, in the course of conversation, what were Germany's ultimate aims.

His reply was, "Austria is the first and last of our aims; the Sudeten German problem is a matter for compromise and can be settled amicably, provided the Czechs leave the Russian orbit and give true equality to their German subjects."

Such a statement was, as I was to discover, a characteristic example both of the half-truths indulged in whenever it was necessary to define German policy, and of the deceptive nature of German assurances in general. — i.e., readiness to admit an obvious objective, coupled with a positive declaration that nothing more thereafter was aimed at.

Goering "I found more honest than Hitler . . . our talks were always on friendly terms."

Anschluss in Austria

It was so far true that Austria was, in fact, Hitler's immediate objective.

Of that there was no shadow of doubt, and in commenting on the greater calmness of the 1937 Party Rally, I had reported, "Germany to-day feels that she can not only afford to wait, but by waiting will be yet stronger and more sure of her goal. And the big goal is German unity. Of that let there be no mistake either; and if we intend definitely to oppose it, we should lose no time in asking ourselves the first and capital question 'How?'" It was already quite evident that it would be futile to say "no" to the dictator without being prepared to go to war to enforce it.

The question of the Austrian Anschluss was also mentioned in a long conversation which I had with Goering at this time.

He insisted that it was inevitable, and told me that he had a few days before seen Herr Guido Schmidt, the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs, and had bluntly told him that the sooner the Austrian Government accepted it as such, and without creating bad blood, the better it would be for all concerned.

Destroy the British Empire

As usual, Goering was very outspoken, and at times bellicose. Yet our many talks, in spite of complete frankness on both sides, were never conducted on any but mutually friendly lines.

He suffered comparatively little from the personal resentments which so often inspired Hitler and Ribbentrop, and up to the last I was inclined to believe in the sincerity of his personal desire—for peace—and good relations with England.

He laid stress on this at Nuremberg, though at the same time he added that if the British Empire refused to collaborate with Germany, there would be nothing for the latter to do but to devote herself to the destruction of that Empire instead of to its maintenance.

In this connection he mentioned to me—and was the first German to do so—the possibility of the Reich being compelled to revise the Anglo-German Naval Agreement.

I told him then, and again some months later, that such a step would inevitably lead in the end once more to war with Britain.

He regretfully admitted that this might be so, and added that it was against his advice that Hitler had insisted, when he did, on the conclusion of that Agreement.

Baron von Neurath once told me the same thing, the argument of both of them being that Hitler should have kept the naval agreement as a trump card up his sleeve for eventual use in a final bargain.

They were both more honest in this respect than Hitler since, from Goering's remark, I fancy that the contingency of repudiating that treaty was already in Hitler's mind, and, judging by subsequent experience, I can only conclude that he never intended to observe its terms longer than it suited him.

It was difficult, or even materially impossible, for him to rebuild a navy at the same time that he was re-creating his immensely formidable military and air machine, and the sole object, in Hitler's mind, of the Naval Agreement was to disarm British opposition to his schemes in Central Europe until such time as they came to fruition and were realised.

Thereafter it would be the turn of the British Empire. It is impossible to-day to draw any other conclusion.

TO-MORROW you will read of Goering's threat to bomb Britain.



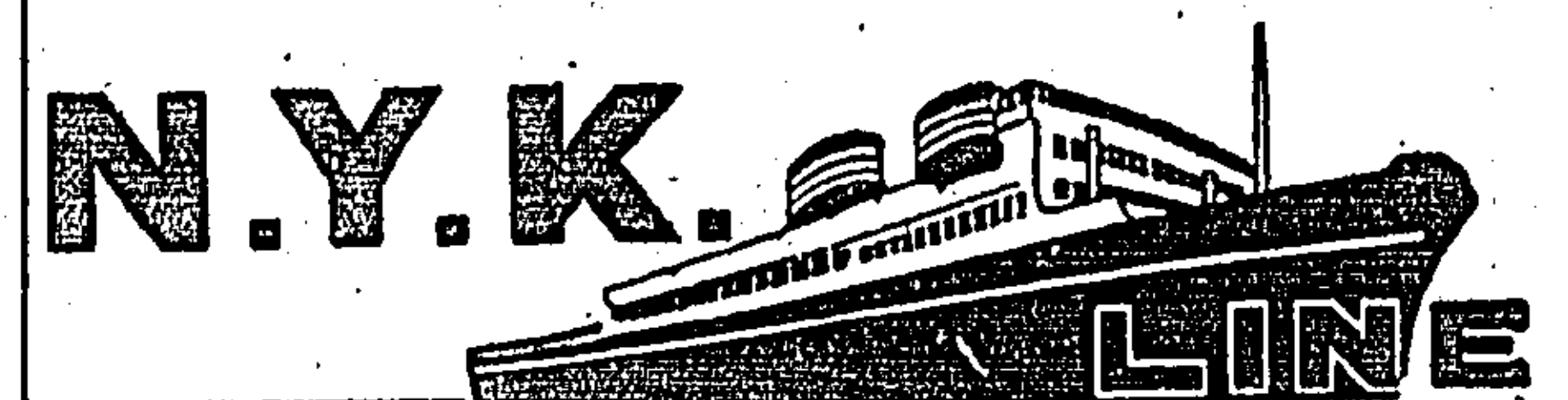
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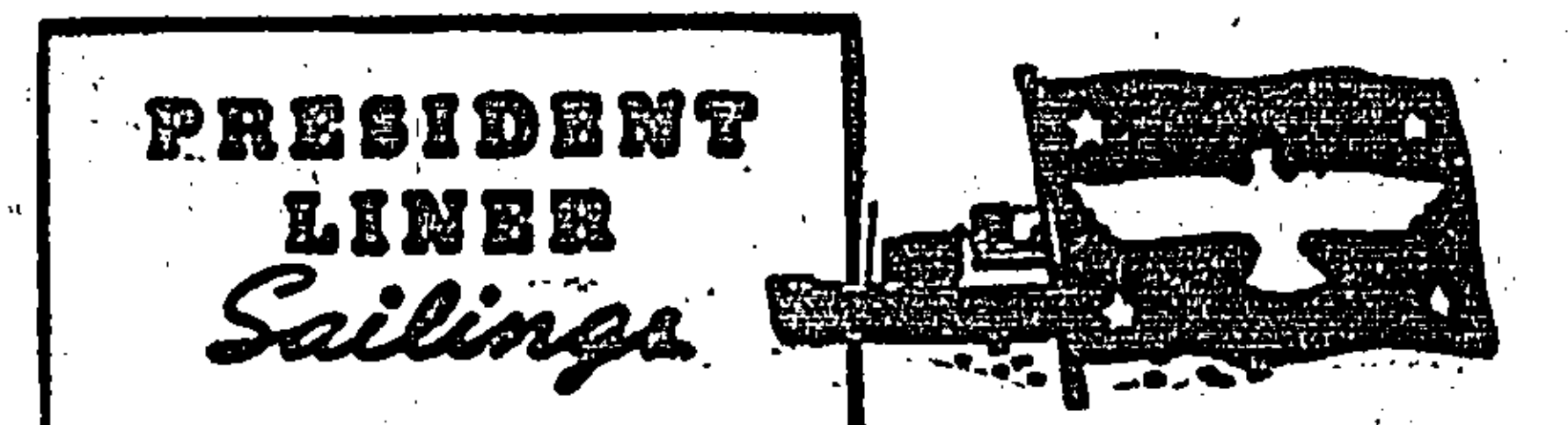


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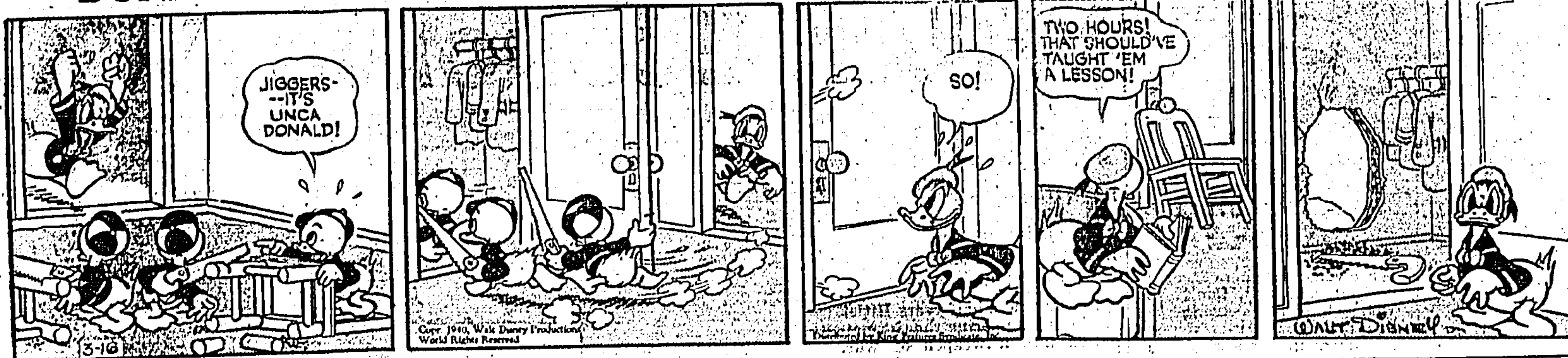
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BRITISH 30 MILES FROM TRONDHEIM

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (Reuter).—According to newspaper reports, British troops have reached the strategic railway junction of Storön, which is 30 miles south of Trondheim. They arrived in trains.

It is also reported that fighting occurred at Vaerdal, which is north-east of Trondheim.

The Germans have repeatedly bombed the roads and railways linking Namsos and Trondheim, but reports indicate the railway has suffered little damage though the telephone lines have been broken.

The papers report that the Norwegian forces are concentrating round the town of Steinkjer, north-east of Trondheim, which is burning as a result of heavy aerial bombardment.

The British air attacks on two aerodromes in the Trondheim area are making it more difficult for the Germans to organise their air attacks.

While the Germans claim to be at Lillehammer, which is between Hamar and Dommas, a British advance guard of 75 have arrived there and have been followed by more from Andalsnes, on the coast.

According to other reports the railway from Andalsnes to Dommas and thence through the valley of Gubbrendalen, which is one of the most strategic valleys, is entirely in Allied hands.

All the railway tracks and roads are strongly guarded and the German attempts to cut the lines by parachute troops have failed.

Allies in Hamar?

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Allied forces in eastern Norway are believed to be fighting at Hamar and Elverum against German detachments from Oslo.

Reports parallel that the British, French and Norwegian troops have re-captured both Hamar and Elverum. However, these reports should be treated with reserve.

Other reports which seem to be more reliable, state that the Allied troops have reached Hamar by railway from Andalsnes.

Partial confirmation of this may be the fact that Andalsnes has been bombed.

Four large Nazi bombers were reported to have been shot down during an attack on one station on the railway line from Andalsnes to the east.

The Norwegians have rounded up 50 German parachutists.

The Nazis captured a farm but the Norwegians, using hand grenades and machine-guns, forced the Germans to surrender with the loss of 25 lives.

Apart from automatics, the Germans had with them folding bicycles, radio sets and even gas welding apparatus.

Nazi Communique

BERLIN, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An official news agency communique mentions violent Norwegian resistance to the north of Oslo, but says that the resistance was fruitless and was "broken with bloody losses for the enemy."

It claims that the fortified positions on the heights of Lindhogde were stormed after bitter fighting.

The agency says that the mopping up of Norwegian patrols around Stavanger continues.

Describing the air raid on Namsos, it says that the bombardment of British positions lasted six hours. German aircraft attacked continuously. In successive waves could not be ascertained, it goes on, and claims that the railway station was completely destroyed.

Nazi Troops Recalled

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Reports received this evening indicate that the Germans have been recalling their troops along the railway linking Narvik with Swedish mines.

The force posted at Moen, near the Swedish frontier, is reported to be cut off. Its position is regarded as hopeless, and the force is expected eventually to cross the Swedish border.

Norway To Fight

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"The Allied Governments have taken vigorous action for the battle to be fought on Norwegian soil," declared

Nazi Naval Losses

Compare Unfavourably With Those Of Allies

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—German naval casualties since the outbreak of war total 24 without including the large number of submarines sunk by Allied action.

In the same period, Britain lost 18 warships, including five submarines and the armed merchant cruiser *Tuwalpa*.

One capital ship has been lost out of 15 such ships completed before the beginning of the war.

One aircraft-carrier out of seven has been lost.

No Cruisers Lost

No cruisers have been lost. It is added that even if Germany had suffered no naval losses, the vast preponderance of the naval force possessed by Great Britain over Germany would scarcely have been affected by these losses.

But Germany has suffered losses while the strength of the British Navy, it is pointed out, is being constantly increased as the result of huge warship building programmes.

Fantastic Nazi Claim

Berlin, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—No less than 80 British naval vessels have been sunk, damaged or captured during the past 12 days, claims the German High Command.

The same source claims that on Sunday night, German troops captured Lillehammer, which is on the railway from the coast to the Allied troops on the Hamar-Elverum front.

Battle Near Trondheim

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Apr. 22 (UP).—"Exchange Telegraph" reports from the Gothenburg state that British and German troops are engaged in a big battle north of Trondheim.

The reports added that Verdalsnes, north of Levanger, is in flames and that fighting is also reported at Tangen, south of Hamar.

Considerable Success

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Apr. 22 (UP).—A communique issued late to-night by the War Office states that the British troops in Norway have achieved considerable success in the face of great difficulties after landing in many places.

Namsos In Flames?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BERLIN, Apr. 23 (UP).—Last night's DNB report of the operations in Norway states that Namsos is in flames following heavy German air force attacks.

The report claims that the British forces who have landed at Andalsnes have suffered heavy losses as a result of Nazi air raids.

The report claims that the Nazis are now mopping up Norwegian remnants around Stavanger.

DNB claims that two British transports were sunk in the air raids on Andalsnes and Namsos.

"Two British warships received direct hits," the report claims.

British Troops Advance

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—British forces north of Hamar and the Elverum line have now reached Lillehammer according to despatches from the border.

The advance guard of Allied troops on the Hamar-Elverum line are now reported to have been reinforced and concentrated.

A fierce battle is reported at a point some 45 miles north-east of Trondheim.

Nazi Transports Sighted

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—According to a message from Gothenburg, 20 German transports, accompanied by four destroyers, were sighted off the coast on Sunday night, apparently bound for Norway.

DEARTH OF NEWS

London Papers And War In Norway

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The dearth of official news from Norway gives little scope to the British press for comment to-day.

Most of the leading articles abstain from discussing the main topic.

Russia, Italy, the "Fifth Column" and Imperialism are discussed but not Norway.

"The Times" sums up the difficulties about getting a complete picture of what is happening in Norway in a leader entitled "Waiting for News."

Waiting For News

Waiting for vital news, says this paper, is not easy. Waiting is always necessary until the issue is decided or the situation clarified until information can be put out without profiting the enemy.

In Norway it is not possible to withhold news to the extent which may be desirable. Reports get across the frontier into neutral Sweden.

But "The Times" warns that much of the reports from Sweden have not been altogether reliable in the past and it would be unwise to place complete confidence in what is coming through now.

"We may think we have enough material for putting together the general outline but it is possible that important gaps are not filled or the importance of some of the details supplied may exceed reality," says the paper.

"If the people are eagerly waiting for news," concludes "The Times," "they are doing so in a spirit of calm feeling that this crisis has been competently and rapidly met."

Would-Be Quislings

The "News Chronicle" does not think much of would-be Quislings in Britain.

"Discussing the agitation in certain quarters about the possibility of a 'Fifth Column' in Britain, the paper takes the view that the Communists are being so stupid that they can quite safely be left at liberty to complete the ruin of what reputation remains to them."

Recent bye-elections, in which the Fascist and Communist peace group candidates participated, have shown that their support is small enough to be safely ignored and that they are indeed decreasing.

The Labour paper "Daily Herald" approves of the Government's willingness to talk about trade with Russia providing that Moscow refrains from furnishing Hitler with materials of war.

It Russia intends to live as a peaceful neutral, mutual trade would be of advantage to both countries.

Imperialism

The mounting of the guard by the French Canadian troops at Buckingham Palace gives "The Times" an opportunity to discuss Imperialism.

It is difficult to appreciate the full significance of the French Canadian taking over this duty from the Irish Guards.

Let those who see it as nothing more than a matter of military routine try to imagine a Bohemian regiment speaking Czech and mounting guard at Berchtesgaden.

They may then estimate the worth of those who represent the war in neutral countries as a struggle between rival imperialisms.

U.S. WARSHIPS WATCH R.N.

MANILA, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—Two United States warships have been dispatched to "keep an eye" on a British warship reported to be operating in Philippine waters, according to the "Manila Bulletin," quoting "reliable sources."

This action has been taken in accordance with neutrality regulations, the paper says.

Local radio programmes have been interrupted during the past three days by naval authorities recalling personnel to ships.

The naval authorities explained the reason for this as "special exercises." It is learned that last week a British warship requested a coastguard to verify its nationality at a point between Manila and Northern Luzon.

SWEDEN'S NEW DESTROYERS

CARTAGENA, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Four destroyers, which Sweden bought from Italy in December, have arrived on route to Sweden.

The squadron, which includes the transport ship, *Patriola*, will proceed to Sweden after two destroyers, which collided, have been repaired.

Chief Justice Rigorously Cross-Examines Doctor DYING MAN REMOVED FROM H.K. HOSPITAL

Chinese Discharged On Manslaughter Count

Further evidence regarding the circumstances under which a dying man was removed from the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital to the Queen Mary Hospital was given at the Criminal Sessions this morning at the trial of Li Kam, 25, paint scraper, who was charged with the manslaughter of Lee Kam-ho.

Li was alleged to have killed Lee by hitting him on the head with a bamboo pole at the Tai Hang Refugee Camp, Jardine Hill, on February 21. He pleaded self-defence, and the Jury, without retiring, returned a unanimous verdict of not guilty.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and the following comprised the Jury: Messrs. R. J. Wild (Foreman), Wong Kam-poon, Poon Kei-yung, J. Harrop, A. R. Kinross, E. C. Manscomb and Toi Pak-hang.

Doctor Cross-Examined

At the previous hearing, Dr. Y. F. Yip, of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, said Lee was admitted to the hospital about 2.30 p.m. on February 21, suffering from a serious scalp wound. He was then in a dying condition, but the Police later removed him to the Queen Mary Hospital, though he himself thought such a procedure was unsafe.

Further questioned by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning Dr. Yip said he gave Lee two stimulants at an interval of ten minutes. His condition then improved, but he was still unconscious.

His Lordship: Dr. Griffiths said that when Lee was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital there was no hope of recovery. That was at 8 p.m. Do you say that after the injections his condition was better?

His condition improved at that moment.

Did you think he had a reasonable chance of recovery?—Not in my opinion.

In that case he was dangerously ill. Why then did you allow him to be moved? Would not such action make his condition worse?

His Lordship: Dr. Griffiths said that when Lee was moved to the Queen Mary Hospital he was fit for removal then we allowed him to be moved.

Was he fit then?—At that moment, yes.

No Chance Of Recovery

But Dr. Griffiths said his condition was so serious a few hours later that there was no hope for his recovery. When you saw him at 2.50 p.m. did you think then he had a chance of recovery?—No.

Then why did you allow him to be moved?—In our hospital the only thing we have to do is to render first aid generally, and so long as we do not endanger the life of a patient we would have him transferred. We do not take Police cases.

In other words, since he was dying anyway you sent him to Queen Mary Hospital to die. Is that the policy of the Tung Wah Hospital?—Yes.

Dr. C. W. Lam, former medical superintendent of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, said that before the appointment of the Tung Wah Hospital Committee in 1938 the question of Police cases was unsatisfactory. After that there was a definite understanding whereby the Hospital could treat Police cases, but in cases of a serious nature, if in the opinion of the medical officer the patient was fit for removal, he would be moved to Queen Mary Hospital.

Left To M.O. In Charge

His Lordship: The whole thing is left to the medical officer in charge?—Yes.

The medical officer in this case has said it would be unsafe to move the man. Can you explain why the patient was moved?—It may have been unsafe to move him at first, but after treatment he may have improved to such an extent that he was fit for removal.

Do you mean to say that it is possible that, having been critically ill at 2.30 p.m. and beyond human aid at 5.30 p.m., the patient could have so rallied in that short space of time as to make his removal safe? Don't you think it would have been better for the patient to be kept so as to enable the injections to have the fullest effect?—Yes.

Don't you think it would have been better to have left him where he was?—Yes.

Police Guided By Doctors

Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin, on

JAPANESE AIR RAIDS RESUME

Several Szechuan Cities Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (UP).—Fifty-four Japanese bombers raided districts in Szechuan this evening when Chungking was held in dark suspense for five and a quarter hours until 11 p.m.

The cities raided included Chengtu and Kichang 50 miles southwest of Chungking.

A baby girl was born in the Chinese Foreign Office dugout during the air raid.

A doctor happened to be in the dugout. Mother and child are both reported to be doing well.

A German engineer, H. M. Nielson, aged 71, died from heart failure at noon yesterday when he was sheltering in a dugout. He had been a resident of Chungking for the past 17 years.

Cities included in last night's air raids were Suifu, Luchow and Pailan all on the Upper Yangtze.

Nazis New Boast

Big Air Successes Claimed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—BERLIN, Apr. 22 (UP).—Having wiped the British Grand Fleet off the seas, as claimed by the official news agency yesterday, the Nazis are now boasting of complete air superiority.

To-day, DNB claims the following: "It is now determined that eleven enemy planes—nine British and two French—were shot down on April 21 by anti-aircraft fire and pursuit planes."

Two British planes were shot down during an attack on the airport at Aalborg, and four others were brought down off the German coast.

"Others were 'downed on the Western Front over some enemy territory."

A Toast To England

Mr. Churchill To Be Relayed To-Night

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Apr. 22 (UP).—Mr. Winston Churchill's speech to be delivered at 2 p.m. G.M.T. on Tuesday, on the occasion of the anniversary of St. George's Day is to be relayed to North America on the 10 metre wave-band over station G.S.V.

However, the broadcast will not be relayed to South America.

Mr. Churchill will propose a toast in England in the course of the celebrations by the Royal Society of St. George.

British Planes Again Attack German Base

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, Apr. 22 (UP).—British bombing planes again attacked and extensively damaged the German base at Aalborg in Denmark last night, declares an Air Ministry announcement.

"Several fires resulting from earlier attacks were still burning in the aerodrome," added the communique.

"One of our aircraft is missing."

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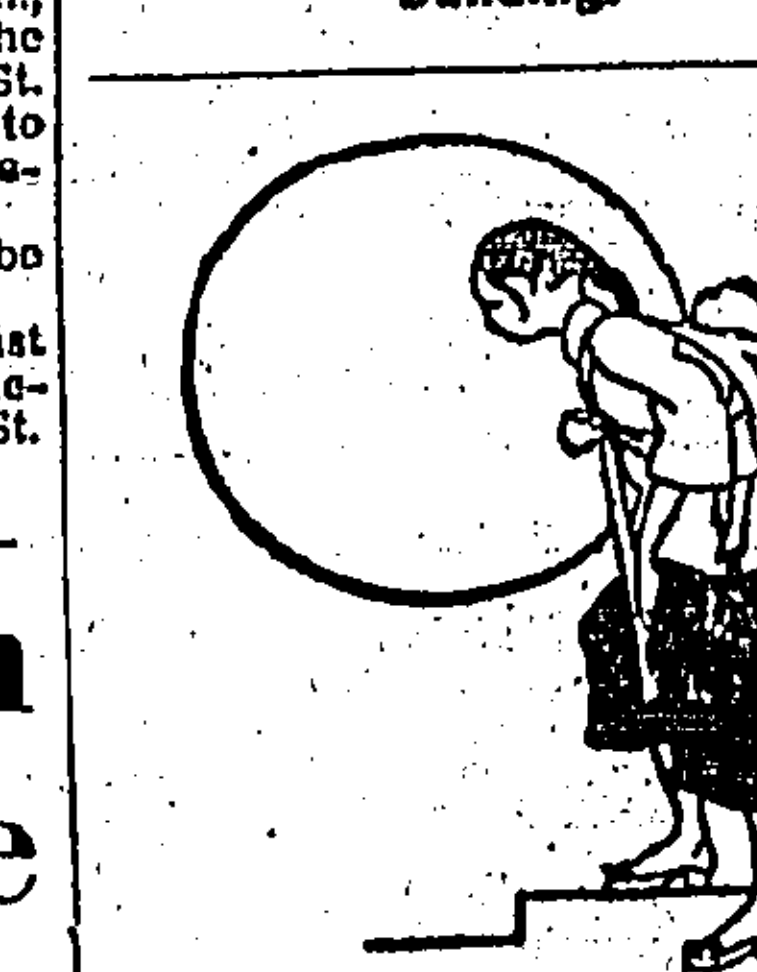
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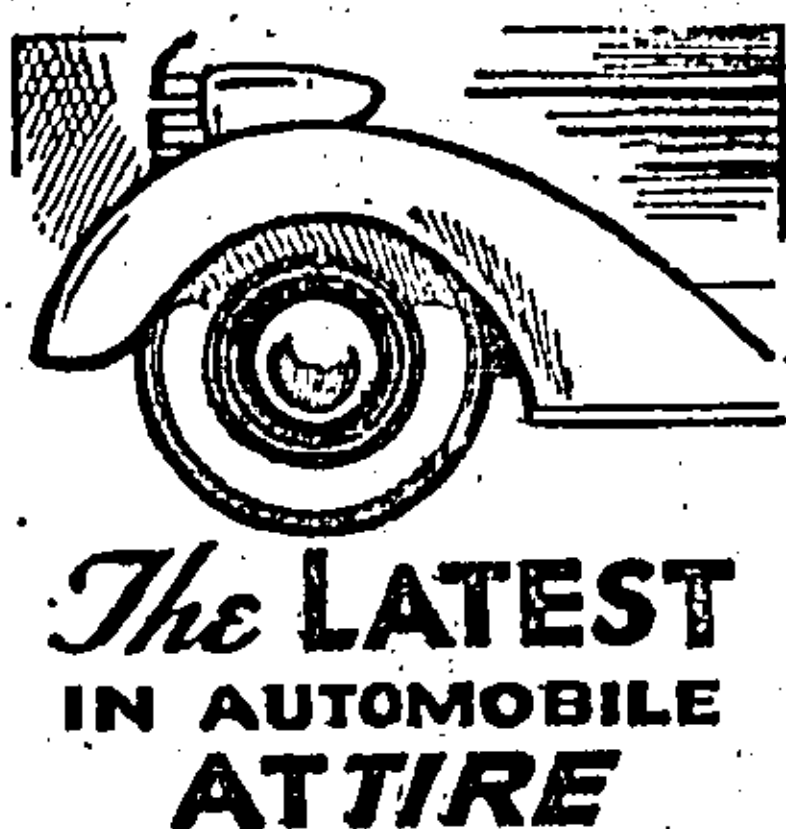
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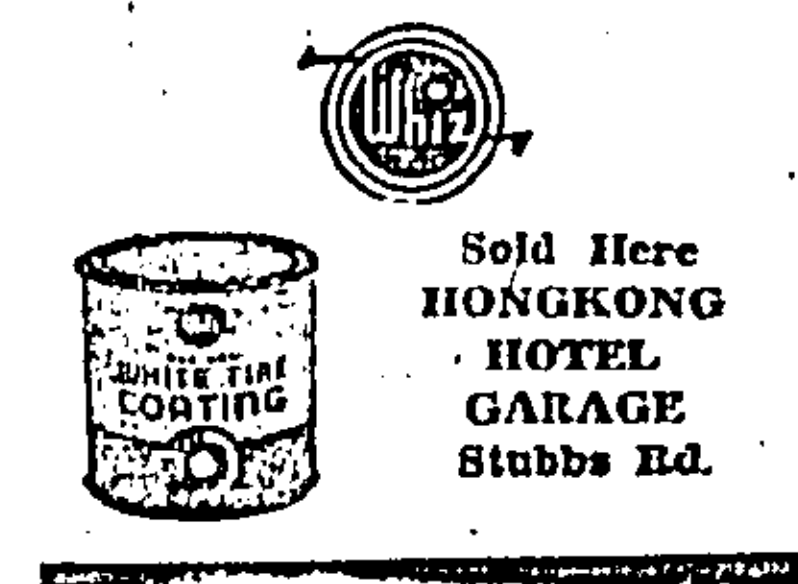


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Holland Waits

The Dutch Government is preparing against the possibility of immediate invasion by Nazi Germany.

That this is now a serious possibility none can doubt. German troops are massed on the frontier, all the preparations for an attack appear to be in train, although even yet, of course, the threat may not be translated into action.

An invasion of Holland, whose neutrality cannot be called in question—in one particular—and whose desire for peace has been made manifest again and again, would be a crime against international law and against the conscience of the world.

But Nazi Germany has committed too many crimes already to trouble about adding another to the list.

Holland threatens no one. She will be invaded, if invaded she is, simply because it seems expedient to Hitler to overrun another small nation for his war purpose.

The threat against Holland comes because Herr Hitler conceives that the Dutch coast, like Denmark, might be useful to him as a jumping-off ground for air raids on Britain.

He will not get his air bases easily. Holland will fight if invaded, and call to her aid the forces of Nature by flooding her land against the invader.

Nor, if invasion were successful, would it affect the ultimate balance of the war. Britain is prepared to meet the weapon of air attack as she has been prepared from the day war started.

It would but steel the resolution of the British and French people to fight until Hitlerism is finally defeated.

And to the rest of the world a brutal attack upon yet another small and peaceable nation would provide—if it were needed—the final evidence that there can be neither peace nor the civilised co-operation of nations in Europe so long as Naziism exists.

WHAT ECONOMIC WAR MEANS

THE Ministry of Economic Warfare is the most potent department on the home front in the war to end Hitlerism.

For six and a half years Hitler has been hammering the German nation into a weapon of war. Will that weapon, now that he is using it, break in his hands? Every possible strain must be put upon the German war machine, for if it collapses the war will be over.

It is the duty of the Ministry to help the military forces in putting that strain on Germany, while propaganda plays its part in weakening internal support for Hitler.

Economic warfare is the opposite of Hitler's dream of a lightning war of conquest. It is slow to get going, it takes a long time to make its effect, but in the long run it is irresistible.

To-day we are in a position to wage economic warfare, Hitler is not. We have ample means of defence against such warfare, Hitler has few. And if it is to be a long war, we have the moral stamina to see it through.

Consider the condition of Germany at the outbreak of war. For six and a half years Hitler has forced sacrifices on the German people in order to make Germany self-sufficient, but Germany is still a very long way from being self-sufficient.

First, there is food. Broadly speaking, Germany is self-sufficient to the extent of about 80 per cent. in food supply.

As regards wheat, Germany has enough. Last year's harvest was excellent. But there is a slight shortage of meat and of cattle fodder, a great deal of which has to be imported. And there is a severe shortage of fats.

Germany, in fact, is on a low level of subsistence now and there is not much of a margin for further restriction. Hitler must maintain his food supply and even improve it, for soldiers eat more than civilians.

After food there is the question of raw materials vital for Germany's war industries. Here Germany's position is very much weaker.

There are seven groups of raw materials absolutely necessary for carrying on a war. They are coal, iron ore, metals other than iron, rubber, timber, textile fibres, and oil. In only two of these—coal and timber—is Germany self-sufficient. For the rest she is partly and in some of these cases entirely dependent on foreign supplies, some of them overseas. If we can cut off these supplies—or part of them—Germany will be crippled.

Some of Germany's supply channels are in our hands. If we declare a blockade of Germany, we can close the English Channel and make communication with Germany by way of the North Sea exceedingly difficult. With the Italian Fleet neutral, the Mediterranean would be in the hands of the British and French Navies, and as a further check on Germany, the Dardanelles are dominated by Turkey, an ally.

There would remain to Germany the land routes, and problematically, the Baltic. Along the land routes Germany can get wheat and oil—ample wheat but insufficient oil—if she can pay for them or supply goods in exchange. If not, Germany has to commandeer them, and that means carrying the war into Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece. It might be bloodless war, but all these countries, if under the heel of Germany, would lose their rights as neutrals.

The same applies to Sweden, who can supply Germany from across the Baltic with the iron ore which is indispensable to her. Last year, in peace time, she imported 22 million tons of Swedish iron ore. Wartime needs would



Map and Figures Show Routes and Supplies at Stake.

By Donald Hodson

Germany has access. And even in peace time Germany has been carefully built up so as to make Russia independent of foreign supplies, and the stage has now been reached where production is only being used for necessary raw materials and such things as factory machinery which she cannot yet make herself.

Food production has improved, but the standard of living is still low, and there is no surplus to send to Germany, except perhaps wheat which Germany does not need.

Only in a few things could Russia help—manganese, cotton, timber and perhaps a little oil—and much organisation would be needed before they became available for Germany.

It is crystal clear from all this that Germany's outside supplies are in a perilous position. It is for us to make them even more perilous, through economic warfare. It is also clear that economic warfare is far wider in its scope than military warfare, and in the long run of equal importance.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Economic Warfare in the War Government, is a merchant banker who became a Conservative M.P. in 1931 and has worked his way up to the position of Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade.

His work at the Board of Trade will be useful to him in this important new post. But it does not seem advisable that the final responsibility of such vitally important work should fall on a man who has never before held Cabinet rank.

The general direction of the war is in the hands of the War Cabinet. This matter of economic warfare as well as our own economic defence and the co-ordination of that defence with that of our Allies is a supremely important part of the struggle. This field and the work of all executive departments concerned with it should be made the special responsibility of one of the War Cabinet Ministers.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"That's a miniature shot I took of the Grand Canyon at 250th of a second—couldn't quite get it all in, of course."

DRAMATIC STORY OF THE INVASION OF NORWAY TOLD IN WHITE BOOK

LONDON, Apr. 22 (British Wireless).—A translation of the White Book issued by the Norwegian Government on April 14 became available in London last night.

The White Book tells in impressively simple language the story of the German aggression against Norway.

This account of the events which compelled King Haakon and his government to leave Oslo and finally to set about organising, from an undisclosed centre, the resistance of the Norwegians to the German attack demonstrates clearly how the Norwegian Government went to the utmost limit of conciliation.

How Invasion Started
The White Paper opens with a statement that on April 9 at 3 a.m., the German Minister in Oslo, Dr. Brauer, came to the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs and presented to Prof. Koht a number of demands from his government. It continues:

"Several hours before these demands were presented, German forces had already attacked Norway. About midnight, it was learnt that foreign warships had passed Enderud and had entered Oslo Fjord, and three quarters of an hour later, a report was received that an exchange of fire took place between these warships and the Norwegian forts of Bolearne and Rauer."

"About 2 a.m. it was learned that five large German warships had passed the outer fortifications at Bergen. At 3.30 a.m. it was reported that two warships had passed Agdenes and had entered Trondhjem Fjord. At the same time, the warships that had entered Oslo Fjord—four large warships and a number of smaller ones—had reached Filtvadi, and soon afterwards fighting began between these warships and coastal forts at Oksnesborg."

"Fighting was thus already in full swing, and began also immediately after this outside Bergen."

Nazi "Justification"
The White Book then gives a very full summary of the communication made by Dr. Brauer to the Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs in which the German Government sought to justify its claims upon Norway by the pretence that it possessed proof of an intended Allied occupation; announced the seizure of strategic points; and formulated a series of demands.

It is interesting to note that the German Minister in Norway was cognisant of the fact that a German expedition had left home ports before April 8 and made no attempt to represent the German action as reprisal for the British mine-laying.

A characteristic detail of the Nazi technique appears in the White Book's account of the rest of the interview with Dr. Brauer. When Prof. Koht said that he must consult the whole government, the German Minister replied that a decision must be taken urgently "because German action had already advanced so far that it would be impossible to delay the German demands must immediately be accepted."

There was little delay in giving the reply. "The Norwegian Government quickly decided that no independent country could accept such demands." In informing the German Minister, Prof. Koht reminded him of the statement recently made by the German Fuehrer that a people who humbly submitted to an aggressor without the slightest resistance did not deserve to exist."

German Embarrassments
The later section of the White Book throws revealing light on the embarrassments in which the Nazis became involved by their too precipitate attempt to emulate the not very happy example provided them by the Soviets in setting up the puppet government of Kuusinen in Finland. On the evening of April 9, a telegram was received at Elverum, to which King Haakon, the Government and the Storting had moved after a meeting of the Storting earlier in the day at Elverum had confirmed the Government in office after learning of its action.

This telegram asked King Haakon to receive the German Minister in audience to discuss certain proposals. During the night, a German detachment began an advance on Elverum and the King and Government, except Prof. Koht, left there. However, the German attacks were repulsed by the Norwegians and thus King Haakon was able to return and, after all, to receive the German envoy at Elverum on the afternoon of April 10.

More Demands
There were conversations first between the King and Dr. Brauer, and later in the presence of Prof. Koht. "The German Minister declared that the situation was now so altered that the demands presented in the memorandum of the previous day could no longer satisfy. The German Government must be appointed the creation of a new government in which Germany could have confidence, making possible amicable collaboration between Norway and Germany."

The German Government demanded that Major Quisling be appointed Prime Minister and the Ministers to be the men he had chosen for his Government, possibly completed by a few other personalities."

After the King and Prof. Koht had pointed out that Quisling was quite without the confidence of the Norwegian people, "the Foreign Minister declared that the Nygaardsvold Government had declared themselves willing to resign, and he asked whether the German Government could not consider the creation of a friendly government which could collaborate

R.A.F. RAIDS ON GERMAN BASES

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—It is understood that in the course of last night's air raid on Aalborg numerous hits were made on the landing ground with high explosives. Six fires, started by incendiary bombs, were left blazing in different parts of the aerodrome.

One pilot, approaching from a height of only 100 feet, found that most of the searchlights could not be depressed to such a low level and he was able to place an accurate salvo of bombs on the road near the control tower.

A powerful force of long-range bombers raided Stavanger aerodrome. One of the raiders dropped ten bombs from a low altitude on a group of about 15 enemy aircraft, of which at least six were destroyed. The others are believed to be badly damaged.

One machine in a low-level attack sowed a line of high explosive bombs across the aerodrome and also started several fires with incendiary bombs.

Another plane machine-gunned a line of enemy aircraft, two of which burst into flames.

Only One Plane Lost
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry has issued a statement that only one plane is missing from the raid on Aalborg and none are missing after the attack on Stavanger.

Curfew in Denmark
LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—According to the German-controlled Copenhagen Radio, a curfew was imposed at Aalborg to-day, following two Air Force raids on the airport there.

No civilians, except persons going to or coming from work and doctors and nurses, are allowed in the streets between 9 p.m. and 4.30 a.m.

The Copenhagen announcer gave detailed instructions as to what to do in the course of an air raid and warned listeners outside Aalborg that a state of air raid danger might be declared in other parts of the country.

WESTERN FRONT

Nazi Attack Repulsed

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué says that east of the Moselle we repulsed, by our fire, the attack of an enemy detachment which did not succeed in approaching our outposts.

During the night of April 21-22, several deep reconnaissances had been carried out by our aviation.

During the morning of April 22, in the course of an encounter with one of our patrols, an enemy reconnaissance plane was shot down and fell in Belgium.

with Germany and composed of other persons than those mentioned.

Hitler Wanted Quisling
"Dr. Brauer declared that he was prepared to make concessions as to the membership of the government, but Herr Hitler insisted that Quisling must be the Prime Minister."

Thus Hitler refused, as usual, even to negotiate and preferred a breach with Norway and all its sequences to abandoning the demand for Quisling. In the end he had been forced subsequently to discard Major Quisling, but the episode shows once more that even when dealing with countries against which he had no grudge, Hitler is incapable of negotiating or of making the least concession.

Some hours later, the German Minister received a reply that the King could not appoint a Quisling Government.

"Dr. Brauer asked whether this meant that Norwegian resistance against the German invasion would continue, and the Foreign Minister replied: "Yes, as long as possible."

NAZI AIR TERROR DESCRIBED

Norwegians Fleeing Devastated Towns

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The following message comes from Reuter's special correspondent on the Norwegian-Swedish frontier.

I returned here in the early hours of the morning after a 100 mile drive into the Norwegian war zone. I came back with two vivid impressions—the formidable nature of the German aerial attacks and the terror on the faces of the villagers fleeing from bombed villages.

After a drive across a rough track over the wild mountain height of Bradfjell, I drove into the little town of Grog (north of Namsos) to find everything in utter confusion.

Terrified villagers carrying bundles of clothes were fleeing in desperate panic.

"The Germans have bombed us. We are leaving the town," said a young Norwegian. "There have been many English soldiers down here. They are now fighting the Germans down south," he added.

I called at the local Norwegian military headquarters and found them working by candle light in an improvised air raid shelter in a cellar.

Namsos in Flames
A Norwegian officer told me that Namsos was in flames and very badly damaged.

He said that the British troops had already captured Steinkjer, and a battle was in progress south of that town.

French, Norwegian and English troops, he added, were now in complete control of the railways and communications south of Grog and on both sides of Lake Snaasa.

"There are many British troops and their number is increasing daily," he added.

Walking later through the deserted streets of Grog, I met a Norwegian soldier who, on being asked if there were any British troops in the neighbourhood, entered my car and directed me to a remote farm house.

Getting Along Very Well
There in the flickering light of an oil lamp on a Norwegian house, I had my first meeting with the British officers attached to the British expeditionary force.

"We are getting along very well indeed," one of them said, "but this persistent bombing and machine gunning is the devil."

The day before, he said, he had been in Namsos and German planes had been over the town continuously from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

The town had been badly smashed and was blazing furiously in many places, he said, there had been few casualties and as far as he knew there had been no loss of life among the British troops.

The soldiers and civilians alike were being machine-gunned, he said, in furious air attacks on all roads, villages and towns in the district.

Heavy Toll Of Transports

British Submarine Sinks 3,000 Tons

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—H.M. submarine Sea Lion has returned for a rest.

She has sunk 3,000 tons of German transports in Norwegian waters.

Norwegian Ship Sunk

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Norwegian steamer, Bravore, 1,458 tons, was sunk after an explosion off the south-east coast of England to-day.

Twenty of the crew of 24 are feared to have lost their lives. The four survivors were landed at a south-east coast port.

Dutch Ship A Victim

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Dutch steamer, Bernisse, 951 tons, homeward bound with a cargo of iron sank off the Norwegian coast. The crew, numbering 10, were saved.



THIS JAPANESE photograph claims to show some of the war materials captured when the Japanese recently invaded the Chungshan area.—Domei

Fire And Marine Insurance Companies To Pay Dividends

A credit balance of £302,045 1s. 6d., after providing for the dividends for the year and after transferring £30,000 to the underwriting suspense account is mentioned in the annual report of the Directors of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. to be presented at the ordinary yearly meeting at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 3.

The Marine account shows that the net premiums for the year amounted to £1,009,237 2s. 6d. and claims and expenses to £540,124 12s. 7d. The balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounted to £803,112 9s. 11d.

The net premiums in connection with the Fire Insurance amounted to £591,423 4s. 8d. and claims to £207,393 4s. 4d. After taking into account commission, expenses of management and Fire Brigade fees, and adjusting the reserves, a profit of £350,134 0s. 10d.

As regards the Accident and General account, the net premiums amounted to £292,723 12s. 6d. and claims to £171,207 10s. 1d. After taking into account commission and expenses of management, and adjusting the reserves, a profit of £121,516 2s. 6d. has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £170,405 19s. 11d.

A final dividend of 12s. 6d. per share, payable on May 3, is recommended by the Directors.

China Fire Insurance Co.
The annual report of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. to be presented at the ordinary yearly meeting on May 3 at 11.20 a.m., shows the amount at the credit of the Profit and Loss account, after providing for the dividend for the year, is \$889,069.11.

The net premiums in the Marine account for 1939 amounted to \$2,210,948.84 and claims and expenses to \$1,101,427.83. The balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$1,518,522.35.

Under the Fire account, the net premiums amounted to \$888,802.01 and claims to \$442,486.53. After taking into account commission, expenses of management and Fire Brigade fees, and adjusting the reserves, there is a credit balance of \$10,084.03 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$558,101.58.

Net premiums amounting to \$590,369.89 and claims to \$245,553.79 were transferred to the Accident and General account. After taking into account commission and expenses of management, and adjusting the reserves, there is a credit balance of \$10,084.03 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to \$558,101.58.

The Directors recommend a dividend of \$12 per share and a bonus dividend of \$8 per share, payable on May 3.

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A dividend of seven shillings per share will be recommended by the Directors of the British Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd., at the ordinary yearly meeting to be held at 11.25 a.m. on May 3 at the Union Building.

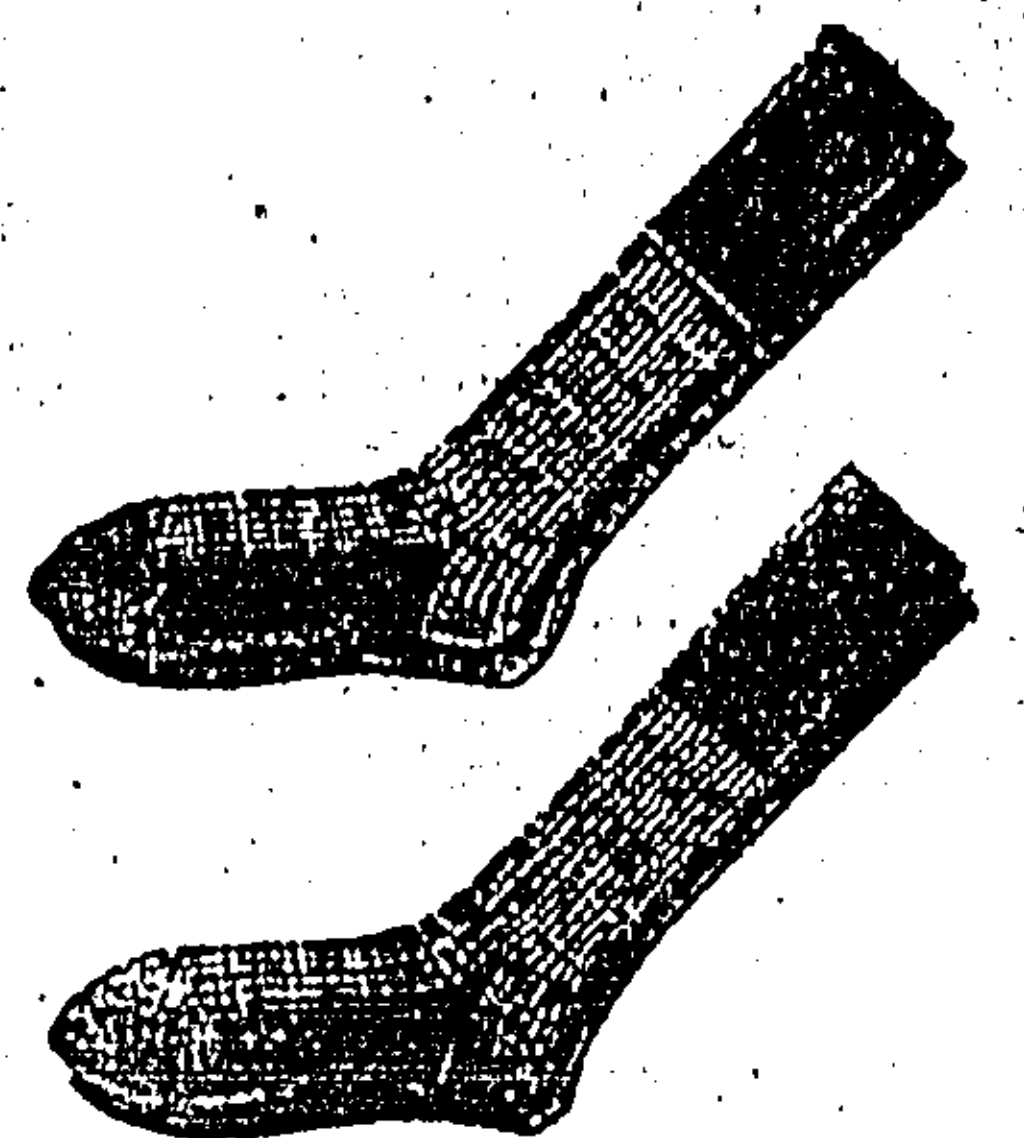
The Directors report that the amount at the credit of the profit and loss account, after providing for the dividend, is £68,002 12s. 2d.

The net premiums for the year, under the Marine account, amounted to £247,320 7s. 1d. and claims and expenses to £122,078 0s. 6d. The balance carried forward, including the additional reserve, amounts to £174,450 6s. 4d.

The Fire account shows that the net premiums amounted to £137,590 7s. 11d. and claims to £61,700 2s. 7d. After taking into account commission, expenses of management and Fire Brigade fees, and adjusting the reserves, there is a credit balance of £11,500 which has been transferred to profit and loss account. The fund at the end of the year, including the additional reserve, amounts to £75,406 0s. 3d.

As regards the Accident and General account, the net premiums amounted to £65,802 10s. 4d. and

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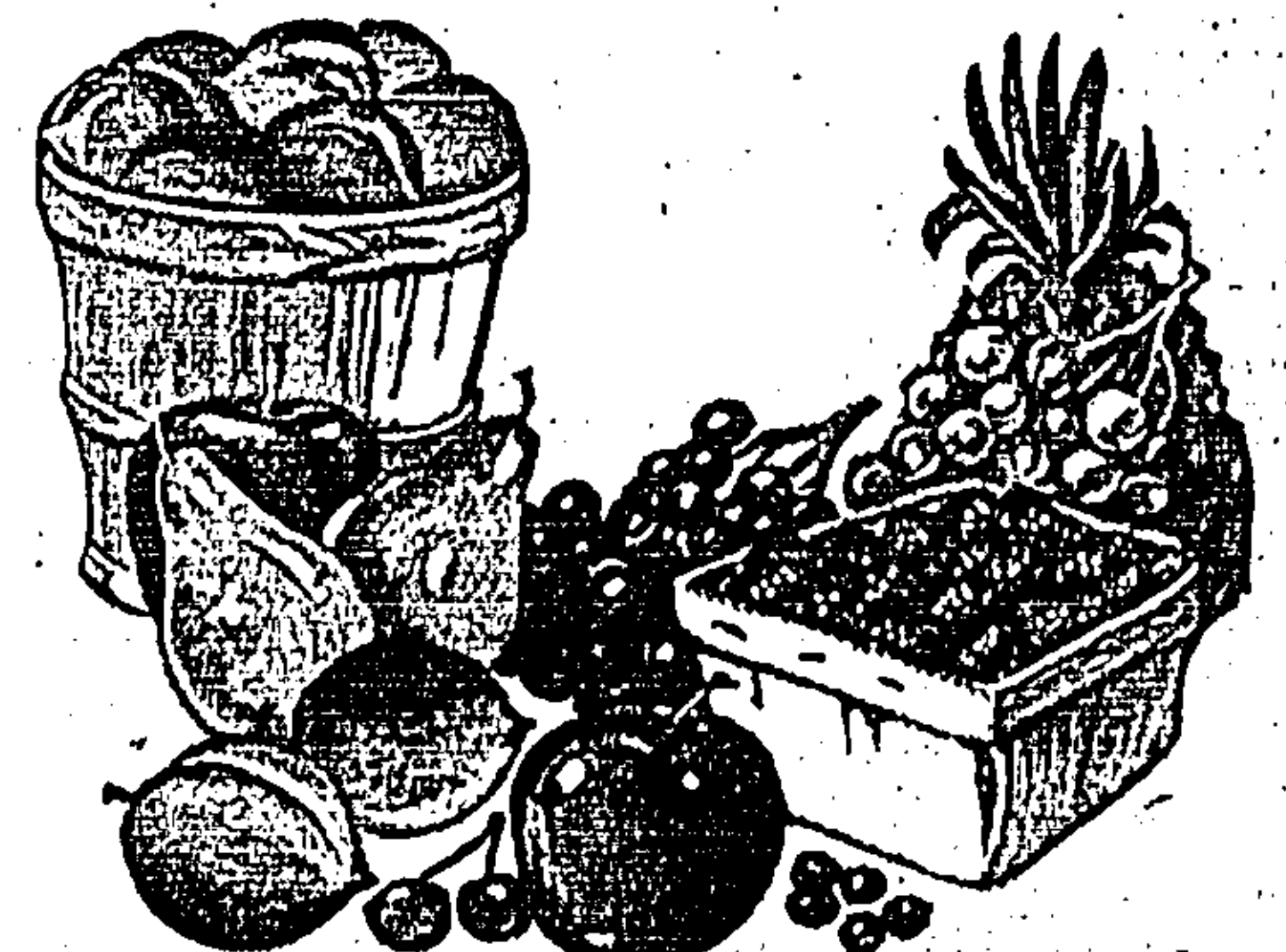
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"R. Abbit's" Cricket Comments

END OF THE SEASON REVIEW

Kowloon Worthy Winners Of Senior Title: Play-Off In Junior League

AND SO WE COME to the end of another season. It is always a sad occasion to those of us who are getting on in years. To the young men it merely means a pause before they can get on to improve their game. In view of what has happened since September 3 last, I think, that the cricketers in the Colony can congratulate themselves on having kept the game alive.

It has been a scrappy season. It had to be. With practically all players doing Military work as well as their own civil jobs, the full teams could not be turned out regularly. We have managed to run the League in a reasonably satisfactory way.

On the whole Kowloon Cricket Club are very well deserved winners of the Senior Shield. There has not perhaps been any brilliant cricket, but one point which strikes me particularly is the excellent showing which the Army have made.

Experience over more seasons than I care to think about teaches me that an enormous amount depends on whether the Army have a keen and good cricketer who has sufficient time to look after the administration. Major Crane is definitely among our finest cricketers here, and he has done great things for Army cricket. He has, moreover, been a tower of strength in arranging certain Free Foresters' games, which have substituted in a great measure the "Jury Service" matches which have been impossible owing to the far-flung distributions of H. M. Navy.

Junior League

THE JUNIOR LEAGUE has, so far as I know at present, ended in a tie between the I.R.C. and Police. I know that the utmost efforts were made to find a neutral ground to play off this on Saturday last. Unfortunately, owing to the beginning of the bowl season a ground could not be found. I have no information as to whether or not another attempt will be made.

In view of the weather and the late date I fear it is somewhat unlikely that this match can be played. There are, however, precedents for the Shield being shared. To be quite frank I think that the Police would be likely to win a play-off, but that is merely an opinion.

A Final Match

I GIVE the Civil Service 2nd eleven full marks for having struggled on to complete their final match in the programme. They tie with the Army for sixth place, but admittedly the Army have two more games in hand which will not be played, and, therefore, the Civil Service can only claim to be seventh.

They finished their season with a very excellent win against Craigengower who are two places above them in the table.

For Craigengower, the two opening batsmen, Hamson (44) and Locke (20) made a very fine opening, but after that no-one could do anything against the bowling of Ainslie, whose figures were 5-3-0-25-7. Attwell took 3 for 18 going on second change and backed him up fully.

The Civil Service lost a couple of cheap wickets but Ainslie came nobly into the breach and knocked up 44 and 40, making 24 and the runs were hit off brightly. P. Crawley, a veteran standby of the side, made 17 thereafter. I am very pleased at Ainslie's success. He has had a hard job as Cricket representative this season.

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WONG AND GILLIES WIN BADMINTON TITLES

Disappointing Display By N.L. Smith

(By "Tinker")

WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED the surprise of the evening at the Club de Recreio yesterday was the victory of H. Gillies over N. L. Smith in the Junior Badminton Singles final, and in the senior final it appeared that there was to be a second surprise when C. Au took the first game off Patrick H. Wong. During and after the second game, however, there was little doubt as to who was to be the senior champion.

The Scores

SENIOR SINGLE

P. H. Wong beat C. Au 8-15, 15-8, 15-2.

JUNIOR SINGLE

H. Gillies beat N. L. Smith 15-12, 15-4.

Eastern's Final Triumph

Yco-La Salle Combined Beaten 3-0

MANILA, Apr. 23 (UP).—The Eastern Athletic eleven defeated a strong combination of Yco and La Salle College last night by 3 goals to nil, thus finishing their invasion with five victories and one defeat.

Determined to avenge their old defeat at the hands of Yco, the Hongkong team attacked with whirlwind pace, and scored twice in the first half.

The local combination made dangerous incursions into the Chinese team's territory, but the Chinese defence proved impregnable. In the second half the local eleven launched a terrific attack, but again met a stonewall defence.

A CLIMAX

AS A CLIMAX to a brilliant counter attack Lee Tack-kee took advantage of a bad position by the local goalie and shot the final goal.

The second half was featured by rough play on both sides. Lee Tack-kee was injured in the nose in the last few minutes, and had to retire.

A beautiful trophy was presented to the Hongkong team after the game, and the victors will be leaving for Hongkong by Clipper to-day.

Scottish Regional Soccer

LONDON, Apr. 23 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Scottish Regional Football Leagues to-day:

WESTERN

Airdrie 3 Queen's Park 3
Third Lanark 0 Rangers 1

even, but the Federation side were seen to tire. Their passing was getting wilder and there was an element of luck in their leading again at the end of the quarter. The Federation forwards were given many opportunities and made the most of them. Chan Chai-chun scored a nice back shot and Miss Lee Shun-yeo one from under the basket.

The visitors replied with several fouls. The third quarter ended with the Federation still leading by one point, 23 to 24.

FAULTY SHOOTING

IN THE LAST quarter the Federation seemed to have spent themselves and were only able to add four more to their score. The visitors appeared refreshed and broke through, with apparent ease, and only faulty shooting saved the Federation from a heavier defeat.

Tournament Tennis

Tsuis Easy Doubles Victory

Remedios And Gonsalves Beaten In Semi-Final

(By "Tinker")

THE TSUI BROTHERS, present tennis doubles champions, made their way into the final of this year's tournament when they beat J. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios with ease by 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 on the Hongkong Cricket Club stand court yesterday.

Gonsalves chose the wrong day to be off form, and while his partner was somewhat better, the opposition was far from being sufficient to extend the Chinese pair. Right from the commencement of the first set, the Tsuis began picking holes in the opposite defence, and scored with seeming great ease down the centre and side-lines.

Tsui Yun-pui was the central figure of the court. His smooth production of strokes and his accuracy eclipsed that of his brother. Particularly prominent was his short backhand shot to the forecourt which almost always found his opponent helplessly out of position.

Remedios brought off one or two very nice volleys, and his sharp angled shots caught Tsui Wai-pui unprepared on several occasions. The latter was particularly weak in his serving. He served altogether six times, and lost four of the games, one a love-game.

In the second set, Remedios abandoned caution for hard hitting, and it was not a false move. The Recreation pair gained more points in this set than in the other two combined. But there was no doubt as to the ultimate result.

To-day's Programme

The other doubles semi-final will be played this afternoon, when E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung meet S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn.

Visiting Girl Basketballers Gain Second Victory In Hongkong

THE CHUNG HWA GIRLS' Basketball team gained their second victory when they defeated a Chinese Federation side 33 points to 29 yesterday, in an exceedingly fast and thrilling encounter, marked by some excellent long shot scoring. The game was played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. before a capacity crowd. Proceeds are for the Chinese Wounded and Refugees.

Miss Alice Chen, captain of the visitors, was again to the fore for her side with an excellent performance. She scored 21 points (five goals and 11 fouls). Three of her goals scored were clean shots through the basket and at 30 feet range. Miss Cary Ong excelled under the basket and was the next top scorer for the visitors. Her tally was four goals.

For Hongkong, the Misses Lau Sau-kwong and Chan Chai-chun were seen to advantage, each scoring five goals for their side. Hongkong's defenders could not keep space with the fast forward of the visitors and their stamina gave towards the close when a number of fouls were committed.

STRONG OPENING

THE VISITORS opened strongly, and sprang into a 9-5 lead in the first quarter. They attacked from the whiteboard, and within a few seconds Miss Victoria Tam culminated a fine passing movement to open with a goal scored from a difficult angle. Miss Alice Chen increased this lead

seconds later scoring from a foul. The game waxed fast and furious, and Miss Chen scored despite being over-guarded. She brought the tally up to 9-0 from the foul. Miss Josefa Go was pulled up for striking, and Miss Lau Sau-kwong opened for the Federation.

FINE COMBINATION MISS CARY ONG increased the visitors lead with a nice goal. Chinese Federation sobered up and Miss Lee Chun-yeo passed to Miss Lau for the latter to score. Manila called time out. Miss Suen Yuk-ming attempted to break through, and was pulled up. Miss Alice Chen converted.

Miss Lee Shun-yeo passed to Miss Lau for the latter to score on the run. The score for the first quarter was nine points to five.

HONGKONG LEAD. HONGKONG took the lead in the second quarter, when the visitors' guards seemed unable to hold them. Miss Lau Shun-yeo came in for Miss Chan Wai-hing.

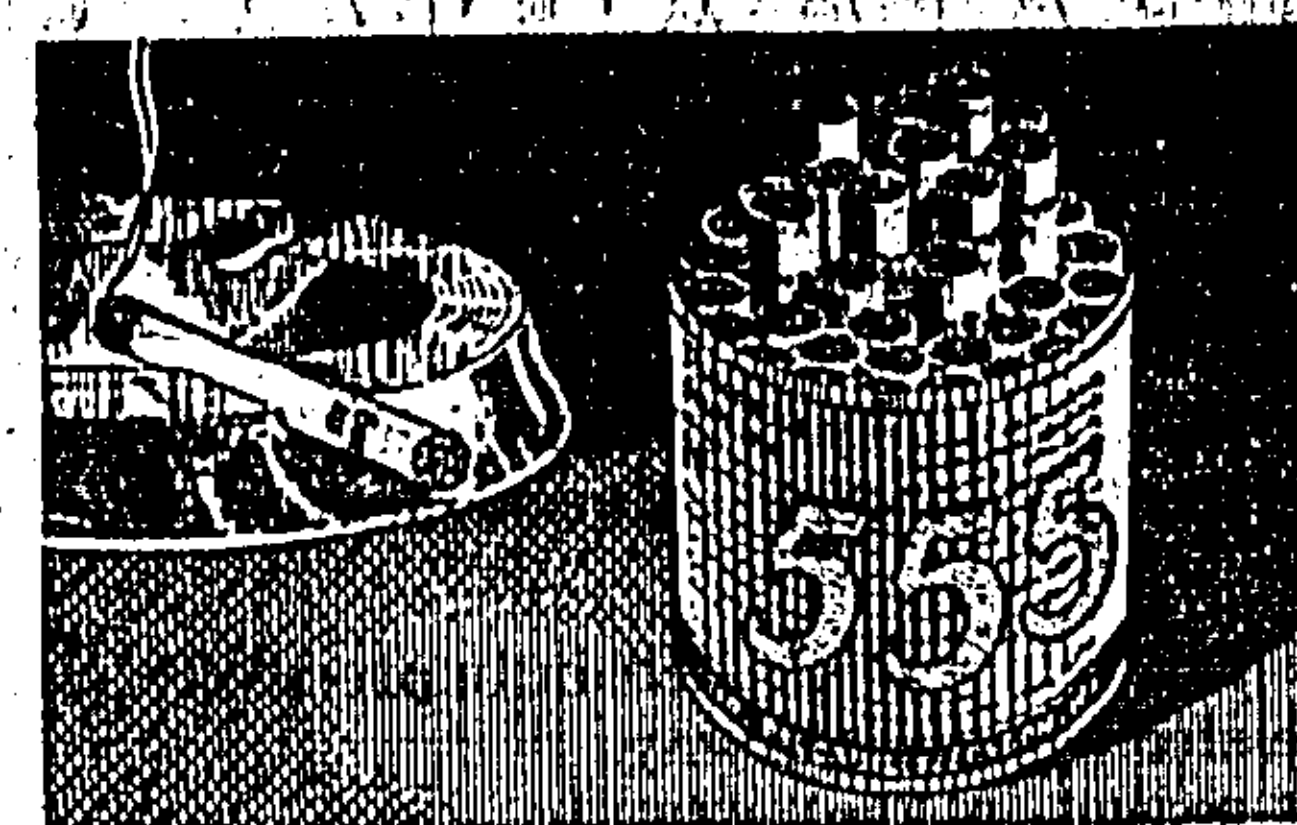
Miss Cary Ong eluded Miss Suen to score for the visitors with a nice shot. The Federation replied, but the goal over-ruled, and a foul awarded which was missed. How-

ever, Miss Lee Shun-yeo soon after scored despite being hampered by Miss Go. Miss Ong replied almost immediately, while Miss Chen followed this with a nice foul goal. Miss Chan Chai-chun scored a lovely goal with her back facing the basket and Miss Lee added one more soon after.

The Federation missed several opportunities to go ahead. Then, the ball spinning round the rim of the basket and falling out, Miss Chan again scored from a foul for pushing. Miss Lau Shun-yeo scored a nice clean shot from long range, which brought forth a round of applause for an excellent try. The same player scored again from over guarding.

A CHANGE. MISS GO had four personal fouls chalked against her and although allowed to carry on sportingly declined for her team mate Miss Lillian Kwok. This change weakened the visitors' defence somewhat and

Federation side were allowed a freer hand in front of the visitors' goal. Miss Lee Shun-yeo and Miss Chan Chai-chun added to the Federation's score and the quarter ended with the Federation leading; the score being 20 as against the visitors' 17. The third quarter was a little more



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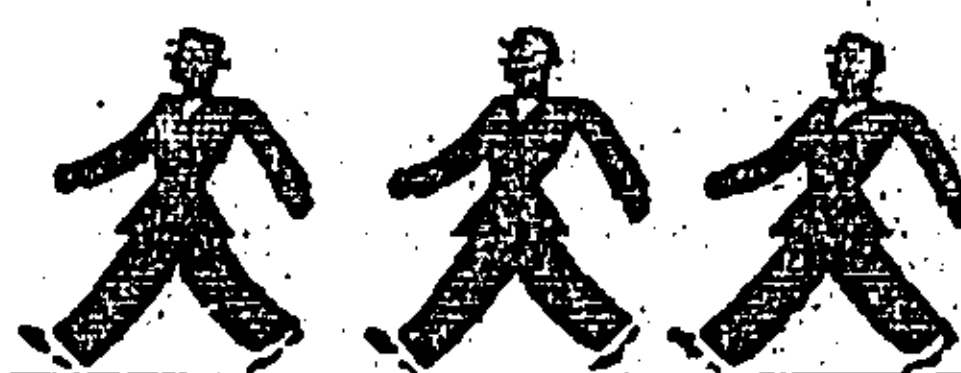
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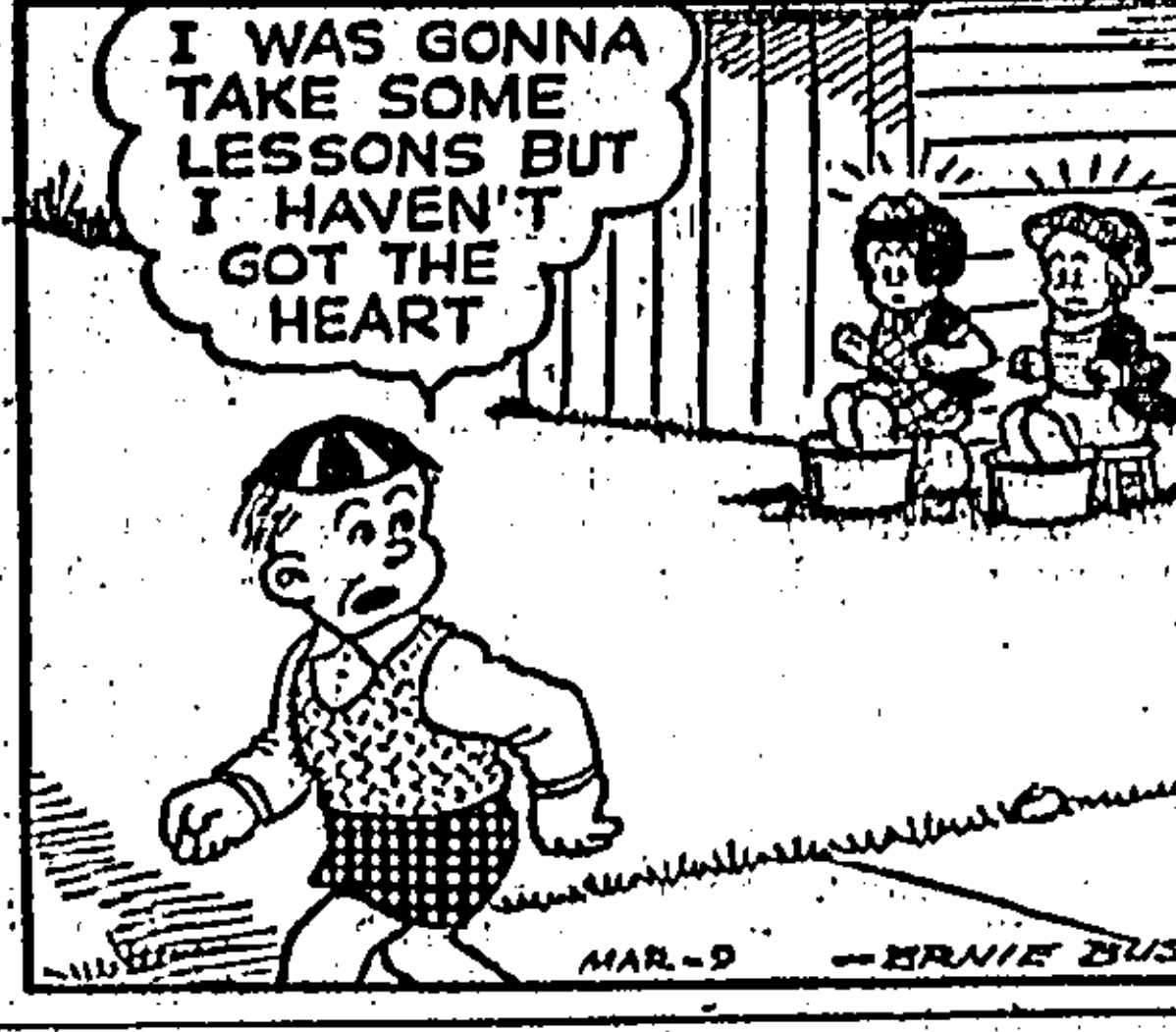
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Sportsmen Tour Australia To Aid China

(Special to the "Telegraph")

A HONGKONG YOUTH, 21-year-old R. B. ("Rusty") Fedoseyeff, formerly aircraft engineer with China Air Motive Ltd., and star pitcher in the C. B. A. softball team, is now leading an original cycling expedition across the Australian Continent.

With the sanction of the Chinese Consul-General in Australia, and working in close collaboration with the Australian Chinese, "Rusty's" fellow companions, 20-year-old A. J. ("Toby") Gavriloff and 21-year-old J. C. Smith, a former Shanghai policeman—form a determined trio on a special mission.

"Help China Win", this message is written on the backs of black shirts of these three young men, who left Perth early last month to cross Australia on push-bikes with the intention of helping Australians to understand sympathetically the nature of the Chinese struggle with Japan.

Fedoseyeff and Gavriloff are men without a country—White Russians whose parents fled to China during the Russian Revolution. All three spent most of their lives in Shanghai. They expect that their ride across the Continent will take them from six weeks to two months. Promoting China's cause, they lecture, broadcast and write articles for newspapers and magazines as they travel. When their long Odyssey is over they intend to collaborate in writing a book.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AIR FORCE. The trio came to Western Australia recently with the idea of joining the R. A. A. F., but Fedoseyeff and Gavriloff are not eligible, because they are not British subjects.

Then they struck upon the idea of doing something in Australia to help China—the country which sheltered them for twenty years. "China has been very good to us," said "Rusty", "and we feel that we will be repaying a small part of the debt."

They write: "Up to date we had about six radio broadcasts, 25 newspaper write-ups, three stage appearances, and four open air appearances. Most of all this in Perth. Had broadcasts in Northern and Kalbarrie talks sponsored by Dunlop, etc. Have pedalled approximately 500 miles in the last ten days, taking our time and spending a day or so in the big towns that we pass through.

"We're in the middle of the gold mining district of Australia now, about 80 miles south of Kalbarrie in W. Australia. After another 80 miles of southward progress, we are turning east and will have about 1,800 miles of desert before we reach Adelaide. Then we push on to Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. The people here have treated us so well that their hospitality has cut down our speed a good 30%."

RADIO TALKS. HOPING to reach Sydney in about six weeks, they expect to talk over the national radio hookup in Melbourne, as well as give radio broadcasts at points in between. Although the Chinese people in the capital cities and larger towns to raise funds for China, they will not attempt to collect en route. Gavriloff has received offers of employment in Perth to induce him to stay there. A noted swimmer—the best ever to have competed in the Far East, he holds all the Chinese aquatic records from 50 to 800 yards, and has competed at Shanghai against Jack Medina. J. C. Smith is also an old boy of St. Xavier's in Shanghai.

CONSEQUENCES OF WAR. IN their propaganda tour, they will attempt to point out the causes underlying the Sino-Japanese War, and the consequences to Australia and the

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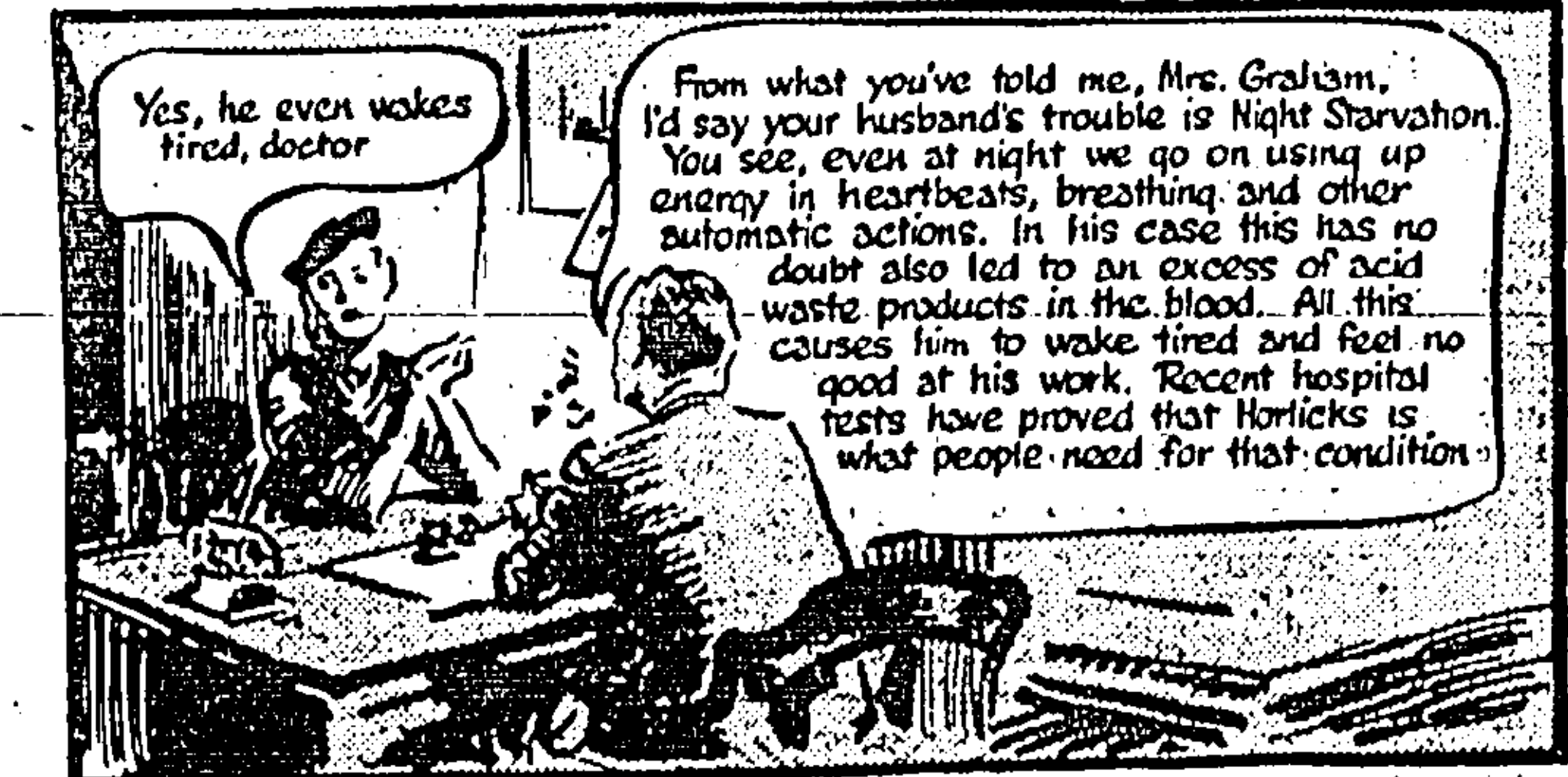
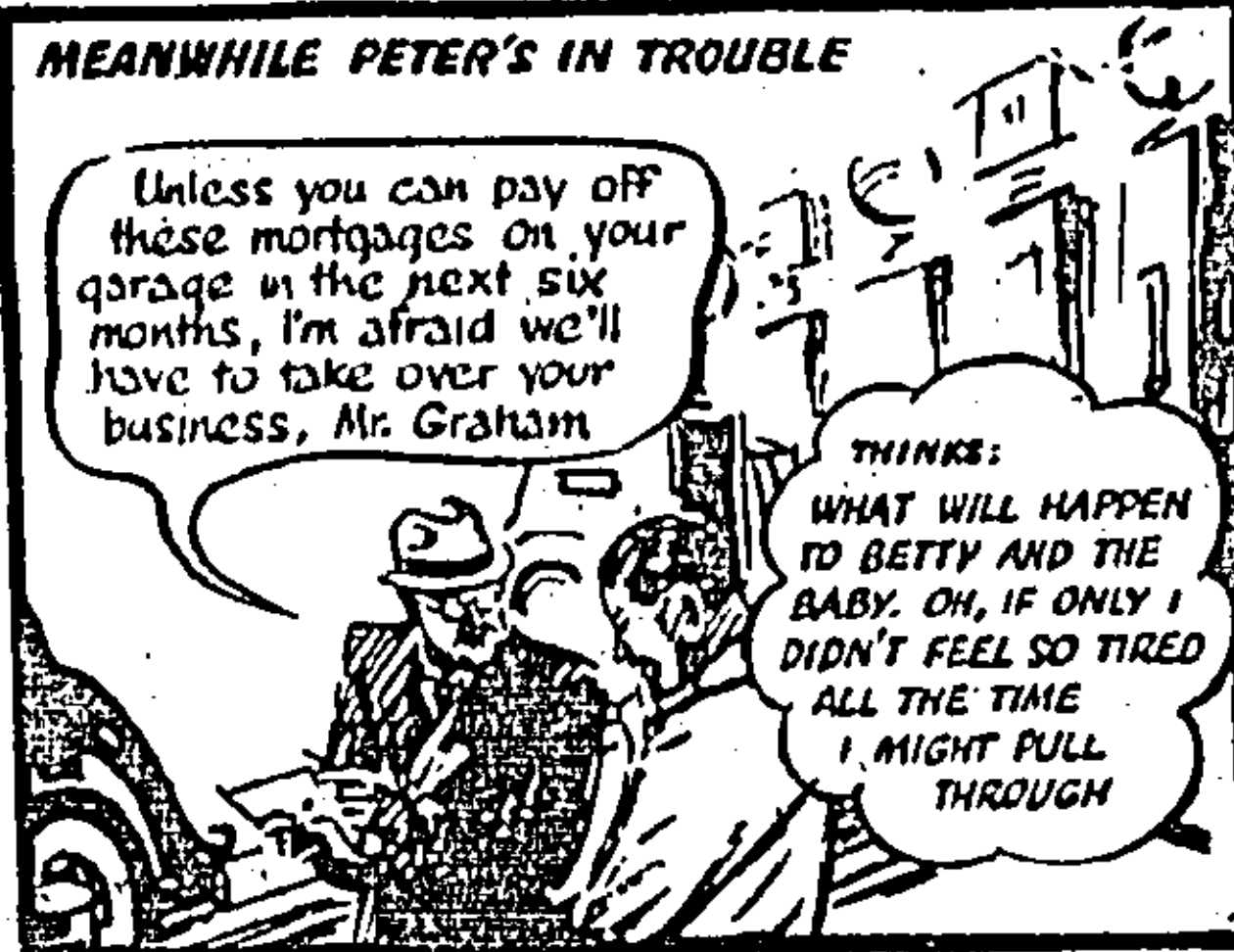
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JUNIOR PLAY-OFF ARRANGED

The play-off between the Indian R.C. and the Police R.C. for the Second Division Cricket Championship of the 1939-40 season has been fixed for Saturday, April 27, on the Club de Recreio ground.

SUMMER CUP COMPETITION AT KOWLOON

THE QUALIFYING ROUND of the Kowloon Golf Club Summer Cup Competition will be played off on Sunday, April 28. The following starting times have been arranged:

Cincinnati Reds Tounce Cardinals

NEW YORK, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Cincinnati Reds today tounded the St. Louis Cardinals in a Major League baseball game.

St. George's Day Ceremony

In Commemoration of St. George's Day, a wreath was laid on the Cenotaph at 12.45 p.m. to-day by the Hongkong branch of the Society.

KILLED IN AIR RAID

U.S. Diplomat Victim Of Nazi Bomb
"SPECIAL TO THE 'TELEGRAPH'"
STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (UP).—Captain Robert Losey, Assistant Air Attache to the United States Legation in Sweden, Finland and Norway, was killed during a German air raid on Sunday.

Metecological Expert

The State Department at Washington has been informed of the fatality by the United States Minister to Sweden.

Danube River Blocked

Collision Stops Nazi Supplies From Russia
"SPECIAL TO THE 'TELEGRAPH'"
BUCHAREST, April 23, (UP).—Shipments from Soviet Russia to Germany via the Black Sea have completely ceased as a result of the blocking of the entrance to the Danube River.

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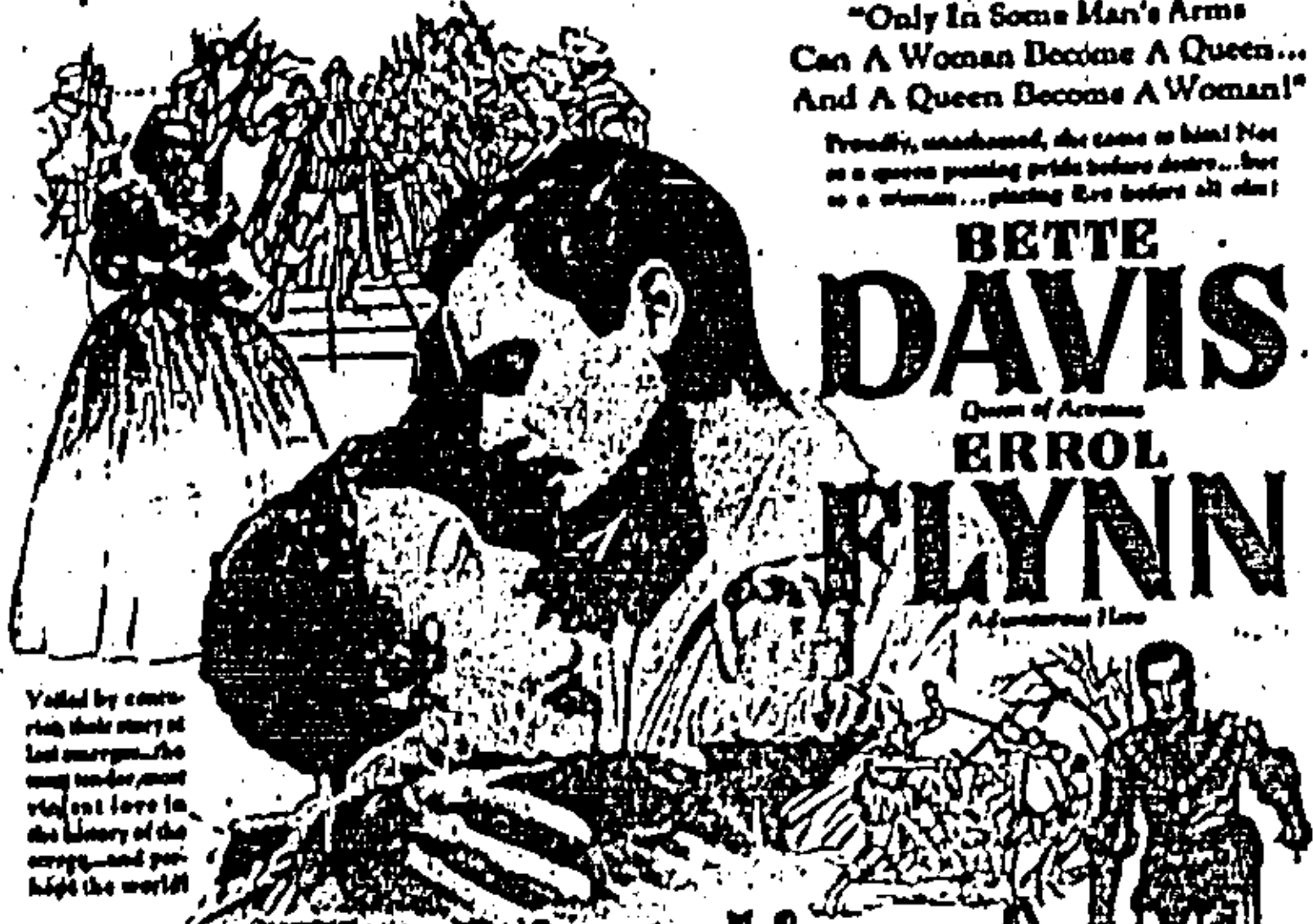
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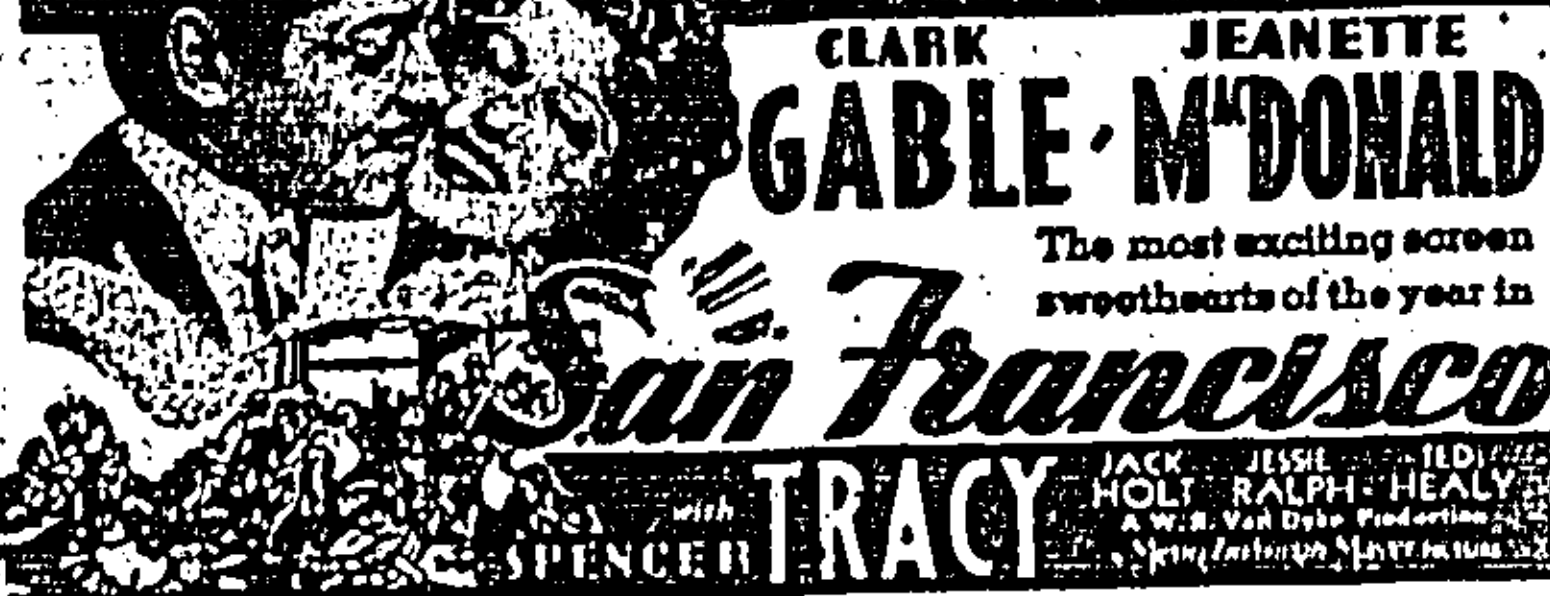
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Settlement Imminent, Says London Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, April 23, (UP).—It is reliably reported that the Tientsin question is now definitely nearing a settlement.

It is believed that the formula to which Japan and Britain have agreed is as follows:

1.—Of the £800,000 worth of silver held in the British Concession in Tientsin, £200,000 will be devoted to flood relief in North China. The remainder will be sealed in the Bank of Communications (Chungking Government) branch in the British Concession.

2.—The British authorities will refrain from impeding the circulation in the Concession of Japanese controlled bank notes.

3.—Japanese police will be permitted to co-operate with the British authorities in suppressing Chinese terrorist activities in the Concession.

FOUGHT AT 12 IN LAST WAR

"THEY call me 'Baby,'" roared Sapper Norman Adams, of Winnipeg, "because I weigh seventeen stone—but they don't know the half of it."

Of the thousands of his comrades who pull his leg because of his size, few know that he was the real baby of the last war—Canada's youngest soldier.

He was only twelve and a half years old—a schoolboy in short pants—when he ran away to join up in 1916.

It is so big now that a piece had to be let into the seat of the biggest available battle-dress to fit him out.

Sapper Adams, formerly a fireman in Winnipeg, is in the Royal Canadian Engineers. He and his pals are on five days' "landing" leave in London.

Kidded The Army

"I was a boy in short pants at the Lord Roberts School in Winnipeg when I joined up in the last war," he said.

"I ran away from school; got my young sister to fake my mother's approval signature, and my brother to sign for my father."

"No one found out that I was only twelve, and they made me a bugler in the 21st Battalion—the 'Bulldogs.'"

"After I had been to England for training, I went to France as an infantryman, with the Winnipeg Grenadiers. I fought and was wounded in Flanders."

"After the war I went back home, and became a fireman."

"Many years later I had a letter from the Dominion Government, saying that they had been through the records trying to trace the youngest soldier from Canada in the last war."

"Yes, the baby was me—and I've kept the letter to prove to my pals that I am the real thing."

"I couldn't stay out of this scrap after that, could I?" he added.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: A fair demand for Electric at \$85½ prevented the market being absolutely neglected.

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LATE NEWS

Jitters Among The Neutrals

AMERICANS TOLD "WISE TO LEAVE HUNGARY NOW"

PARIS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The United States Legation at Budapest to-day advised all American citizens residing in Hungary that it would be wise to return to the United States while facilities are still available, according to a Budapest telegram.

A circular letter says that the Legation is not in possession of any information which could lead to the belief that the war is likely to be extended to south-east Europe.

Luxembourg Fears

LUXEMBOURG, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The Germans have constructed landing stages on the German side of the rivers Moselle and the Sûre on the frontier between Germany and Luxembourg.

They declare that the object is to increase river traffic and to relieve the railways.

The Luxembourg Government, as a result, has erected on the Luxembourg side of the rivers concrete obstacles with spikes made of rails.

Swedish Protests

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—"Numerous violations of our territory by flights over Swedish territory naturally led the Swedish Government to protest to the German Government," declared a spokesman of the Swedish Foreign Ministry to-day.

He added that they requested that steps be taken to prevent a repetition of the flights which were particularly numerous and serious yesterday.

"They have been the subject of most energetic representations from the Swedish side," it was stated.

Nazi Planes Over Belgium

BRUSSELS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—A Ministry of Defence communiqué states that in addition to flights by foreign planes over the Neufchâteau region this morning, foreign aircraft flew over Belgian territory at a number of points during the day.

Two were identified as German machines.

Belgium Restores Leave

BRUSSELS, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—It is announced that Army leave has been restored "to a certain extent."

Air Council's New Member

Appointment Of Sir Charles Craven

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An Air Ministry announcement confirms that Sir Samuel Hoare, the new Air Minister, has invited Sir Charles Craven to join the Air Council as Civil Member for development and production in association with Air Marshal Sir Wilfred Freeman.

Sir Charles Craven is also to be Chairman of the Air Supply Board, which will replace the existing Air Council Committee on Supply, and will be responsible under the Air Council for the production of aeronautical equipment and supplies.

Two-Year Plan Success

Sir Charles, on taking up the appointment, has ceased to take any part in the conduct of the affairs of Vickers Limited, Vickers Armstrong Limited and all associated companies. Mr. E. J. Lemon, whose services were lent to the Air Ministry by the London-Midland-Scottish Railway in June, 1938, is assuming the Vice-Presidency of the L.M.S. organisation, but will serve on the Air Supply Board.

Mr. Lemon carried out, with marked success, the two-year production programme for which he was lent to the Air Ministry.

Nazis Discard Their Mask

Invasion Of Norway No Longer "Protective"

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The last vestiges of German claims that they are protecting Norway are fading from the German Press.

The "Kölnische Zeitung" openly attacks King Haakon, saying that he had left no stone unturned to encourage his people to adopt an anti-German attitude.

The paper declares that with the expulsion of the Norwegian Minister from Berlin, the situation has become very seriously aggravated.

EXERCISES IN DESERT

CAIRO, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The first large scale exercises by the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, since its arrival in Egypt, began this morning in the desert to the south of Cairo.

The exercises are designed to test the powers of co-ordination of the infantry, cavalry and artillery in the roughest country.

The exercises will last for four days.

R. A. F. BEAT OFF RAIDS

From Shetlands To South-East Coast

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Planes believed to be German were reported off the south-east coast to-night.

Heavy gun-fire was heard and great flashes were seen just above the water, as if bombs were exploding.

East Coast Raid

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Aircraft believed to be German were also reported off the east coast to-night.

Anti-aircraft guns were in action and pursuit planes went up.

Planes Over Shetlands

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—Two aeroplanes, believed to be enemy machines, were seen flying high over the Shetland area this afternoon.

A.A. batteries opened fire and British fighters went up. The planes were driven off.

No bombs were dropped and no air-raid warning was sounded.

Nazi Claim

BERLIN, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—An official news agency claims that nine British and two French planes were shot down on Sunday. It is also claimed that two British bombers were shot down during the raid on Stavanger and four more in the raid on Aalborg.

Hitler Loses His Gamble

Failure Of Aircraft To Beat Warships

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—The war in Norway crystallises into three main areas; first, that between Hamar and Oslo; second, Trondheim; and third, the Narvik section where news has been most obscure.

If Hitler relied on his own air force to defeat the British Navy, he has lost twice over and failed to gain superiority in the air. The control of air bases in Norway is essential for strengthening his troops. As the Norwegian campaign develops, the German chances there of victory are getting remote. Hitler is expected to make another wild stroke to save his face, and observers in Europe are speculating as to who may draw the next number in this sinister lottery.

Disquieting Signs

Germany's neighbours are taking no chances and it is noted that disquieting signs now prevail. In the north Sweden was provided with fresh reason for preparedness by reported German aircraft flying over Swedish territory. The number of planes was reported to be 28 and certainly four have been put out of action, one by Swedish fighters, two were forced to land and the last crashed in the sea near Gothenburg.

The points where the planes were seen do not give the impression that they were stray machines which had lost their way. It is suggested in some quarters that the Germans are trying to photograph the Swedish defences.

The people share the general Press indignation at the violation of Swedish neutrality and it is reported that the Swedish Minister in Berlin is strongly protesting against violation of Swedish territory by German aircraft.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Apr. 22 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, although the imminence of the Budget restricted activity, the market was generally cheerful.

Gift-edged securities quietly improved while gold-mining holdings were supported by local investors.

Oils were brighter on a growing demand.

Wall Street was firm.

Rift In Puppet Administration

CHUNGKING, Apr. 22 (Central).—The rupture between Wang Ching-wei and Liang Hung-chi, "president" of the Control Yuan of the puppet government in Nanking, has deepened according to a Shanghai message.

At the regular meeting of Wang's Central Political Council on April 20, it is stated, Liang was a noticeable absentee.

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